

CONGRESS LEADERS RAP SENIORITY RULE

Both Parties Recognize Evil of Present System.

DEMOCRATS WIN POINT

Bourbons Are Quicker to Include in Platform Plank Favoring Change in Present Custom.

BY MARK SULLIVAN (Copyright, 1922, by New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—(Special)—The democrats have been a little quicker than the republicans in announcing a campaign issue the abolition of the seniority rule in appointments to chairmanships of committees in the senate and house.

The republicans are even more keenly aware of the evils of the seniority rule than are the democrats. A glaring example of it is the case of the new senator from Pennsylvania, Senator Pepper. Everybody concedes that Pepper, on every ground, is one of the ablest present members of the senate, but because he is a new member he is prevented from making as large a contribution of service as he might.

Small Jobs Given Out. Senator Pepper is not the chairman of any committee, and even as a subordinate he has only been accorded membership on the committees on banking and currency, military affairs, interoceanic canals and library. Of these, the last two are important committees. The last two are relatively innocuous. Everybody knows that Senator Pepper, both because of his ability and because of the vigor that goes with his relative youth, would be more useful as a chairman of one or more important committees than some of the men who now hold these positions.

Another example is afforded by Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin. Although Senator Lenroot is recognized as combining ability and energy and although he has been in the senate four years, he is not yet chairman of any committee. Burton of Ohio has served in the house and senate for 23 years and is a man of outstanding ability. Because there was an interruption in the continuity of his service his capacity is now circumscribed by a mere subordinate membership in the house committee on foreign relations.

Beveridge Is Barred. Still another example is provided by Beveridge. Beveridge has already served 15 years in the senate. But if he is elected next November, as he probably will be, he will be compelled, because of the interruption in the continuity of his service, to go to the bottom of committees in which he was formerly powerful. The combination of experience, energy and ability which Beveridge will bring to the senate will be deprived of its value.

Both the democrats and the republicans have been making quiet efforts this summer to persuade able men to be candidates for the senate and for the house. They have been trying to induce men, unknown to politics, as well as men who have served in the senate or house years ago. In both cases they have encountered an unexpected barrier based partly upon the fact that these men or ex-members would be compelled to take subordinate positions on committees.

Leaders Recognize Evil. The whole effort represents an attempt to get away from the present confessedly low state of efficiency in congress, a condition which is admitted by all who are candidates among the leaders of both parties. Of course, even if the innovation should be adopted, there will still remain the question of what to substitute for the rule of seniority. It is apprehensive of the personal difficulties and controversies that would arise out of any effort to achieve the best distribution of talent that makes many leaders hesitate about throwing the seniority rule overboard.

It has at least the virtue of a mechanical convenience which evades the necessity of discussing the extremely personal question of relative ability. If the seniority rule is abolished the party in power will need, even more than it does now, a leader with the authority to say what is to be done. From whatever angle you approach the question of making congress more efficient, the need of leadership is the point you always arrive at.

HOOD RIVER GIRL FOUND

AMBER WHITBECK ARRESTED WITH REPUTED KIDNAPER.

Runaway Declared Cruel Father Drove Her From Home and Denied She Was Enticed.

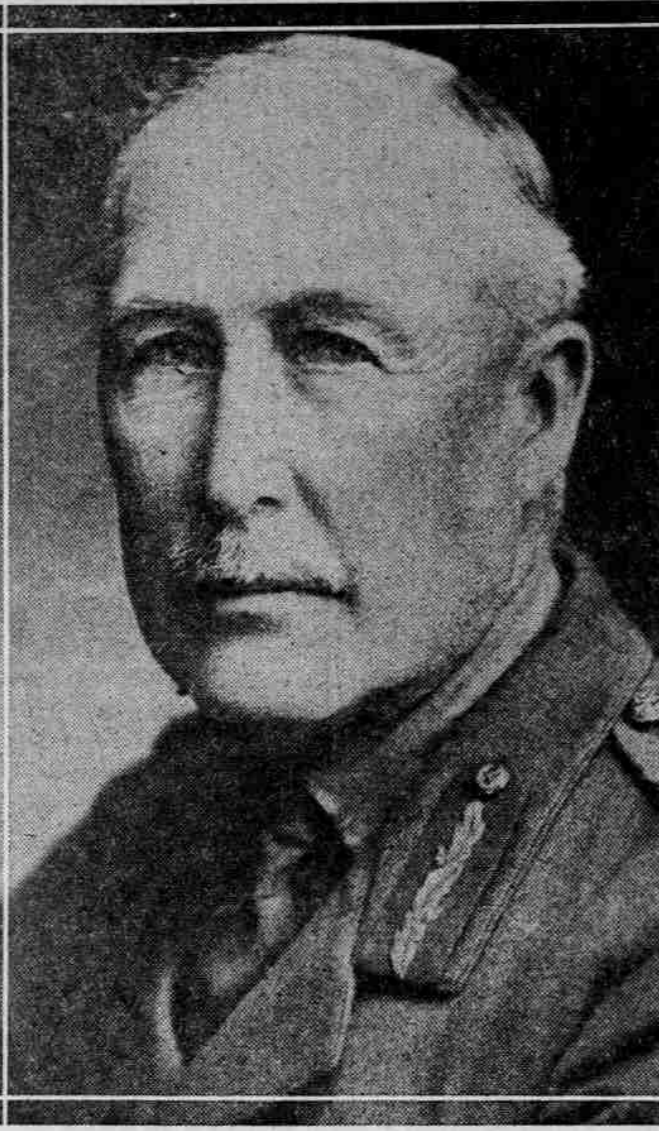
Amber Whitbeck, 17-year-old Hood River girl alleged to have been kidnaped by J. J. Brugger, woodcutter, two weeks ago, was taken into custody last night by the women's protective division, and Brugger was arrested, charged with kidnaping, when the pair were located at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Hartman, 839 Kennelworth avenue.

When first confronted by Mrs. Sophie E. King of the women's protective division, the girl denied her identity and said her name was Lena Smith, and that she was from Dayton, Or. Later she confessed and told the officers a story of cruel treatment at home which had driven her away. She said her father beat her and other members of the family and that she had been planning to run away for nearly two years.

According to her story, she came to Portland part way on foot and by stages in automobiles of accommodating persons. She said she met Brugger by accident the first morning she was here, and denied that he had kidnaped her or influenced her to leave home. She was placed in the detention rooms to await a more thorough investigation, as several points of her story do not connect. Brugger said he was working at present near Gresham. He also will be investigated more fully.

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BRITISH FIELD MARSHAL ASSASSINATED IN LONDON.



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BRITISH MARSHAL SLAIN

SIR HENRY WILSON KILLED ON DOORSTEP OF HOME.

Dead Man Chief of Imperial Staff in Last Stages of War.

Service Illustrious.

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and surrendered quietly. Both were taken to a police station, where the taller of the two, who apparently was the leader, lay on the floor because of his injuries. A civilian asked: "Who are you?" and he replied, "I am an Irishman. I could have got more of you chaps if I hadn't been afraid of hitting the kids."

The civilian said: "You are a dirty blackguard." Both men refused to give addresses or occupations. They will be charged with the murder of Field Marshal Wilson and the attempted murder of Constables March and Sayer and a civilian, Alexander Clarke, by shooting.

Constable March was shot in the abdomen in the course of the pursuit and was taken to a hospital where his condition is considered grave. Both Constable Sayer and Chauffeur Clarke were struck by the random shots of the fleeing murderers.

All London was horrified by the tragedy. The house of commons adjourned after a sympathetic speeches by H. H. Asquith and Austen Chamberlain. The king canceled tomorrow evening's birthday dinner for the Prince of Wales.

England for more than a century has been particularly free from political assassinations. Apart from the shock of the untimely death of a popular soldier and a member of the commons in the prime of life, all discussion turned to the political aspects of the affair.

Wilson Mark for Hatred. The sinister methods of the Irish factional strife had not been imported to England before, despite threats which necessitated special police protection for the premier and other prominent officials taking part in Irish affairs. The newspapers demand measures to keep England free of Irish gunmen and their terrorism. Field Marshal Wilson had been a shining mark for the hatred of the republicans because soon after his election as a member of the house of commons for County Down he accepted an invitation from Sir James Craig to visit Ulster and advise the northern government on best measures for military defense against the south.

By birth a northern Irishman, Field Marshal Wilson had been a lifelong supporter of the Orange faction and whatever definite effect his death may have there seems no possibility that it will have any other than to intensify the bitterness between the factions which seemed on the eve of quieting down after the recent elections.

Political Sensation Created. The field marshal created a political sensation early in the year by his attack on Premier Lloyd George, with whom, during the war, he was on terms of cordial intimacy. In a letter to Sir James Craig he declared it was due to the action of Premier Lloyd George and his government that south and west Ireland were murder, difficult to believe and impossible to describe. He gave it as his belief that the dangerous condition would increase unless men arose in those counties who could crush murder and anarchy and re-establish order. He expressed the opinion that Great Britain herself would be re-established order in Ireland.

On Monday the commons will discuss the murder and Ireland generally. Mr. Chamberlain will speak for the government and Winston Churchill's oft-postponed statement goes by the board.

ASSASSINATION STIRS ULSTER

Populace Blames Sinn Feiners for Killing Marshal.

BELFAST, June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The news of the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson created a sensation in Belfast, where it is feared it will provoke reprisals. The Sinn Feiners were popularly blamed for the murder, and a number of the move made a few nights ago against Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, when an attack was made upon Stormont Castle, his official residence.

Field Marshal Wilson was a popular figure in Ulster. Premier Craig and the members of the northern cabinet were deeply moved by the news of the tragedy and as a mark

of sympathy and mourning, the Ulster house of commons adjourned until Wednesday.

Republicans Deny Charge. DUBLIN, June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Owen Duffy, chief of staff of the Irish republican army, emphatically contradicted the allegation that Field Marshal Wilson's assassination was the work of that organization.

EDUCATORS TO DEPART

Oregon Delegates to National Convention Going to Boston.

A number of Oregon educators will be here during the week end to attend the annual convention of the National Educational association, in Boston, July 1-8. Delegates going from Portland are: E. H. Whitney, representing the superintendent's department; B. A. Thaxter, president, representing the Portland Principals' association; Miss Jessie Skinner, president, representing the High School Teachers' association; Miss Julia Spooner, president, representing the grade teachers' association; and Miss Cornelia Spencer, principal, Kennedy school, as state delegate.

J. L. McLoughlin, superintendent of the Corvallis schools, and R. W. Kirk, superintendent of Oregon City schools, also are expected to attend as delegates from the state teachers' association. N. C. Thorne of Lincoln high school, and Herbert Augur of Jefferson high school, both now in the city, are planning to attend the convention.

C. A. Rice, assistant superintendent of schools in Portland, is state delegate from the national body in Oregon. As he will be unable to attend the convention Mr. Whitney has been designated to serve in his stead.

WOMAN FOUND IN RIVER

Purported Suicidal Attempt Frustrated by Electrician.

Had not Lawrence Callahan, an electrician, living at the foot of Cherry street, chanced to stroll to the edge of the river near the west end of the Broadway bridge, late last night, what the police believe was an attempt at suicide would have been successful. Callahan heard a noise in the water. Ten feet from the shore he found what proved to be an elderly woman struggling. He brought her to shore and called the harbor patrol.

The woman was at least 60 years old from appearances. She was poorly dressed in black clothes. It is thought she jumped from the Broadway bridge in an attempt to kill herself. Although not badly affected from her plunge, she could not give her name, and after being treated at the emergency hospital she was sent to St. Vincent's hospital.

Clackamas to Get Gaities.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 22.—(Special)—The Oregon Guernsey Gaities, the annual state meeting of the representatives of the Guernsey Breeders Clubs of Oregon, will be held in Clackamas county in 1923. Word to this effect was received Thursday by Sam H. Cals, executive secretary of the local commercial club. The decision to hold the affair here came as the result of an invitation extended through the conventions department of the club.

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CLUBHOUSE ABOUT READY

SELWOOD RIFLE ORGANIZATION FINISHING BUILDING.

Work Also Begun on Ranges, and New Targets Are Constructed Near Rocky Butte.

The new clubhouse of the Sellwood Rifle club is practically completed and will be ready for the use of the club members in the near future. The new building is constructed of logs and is 20 feet by 35 feet in dimensions and contains only the one large clubroom, which is being fitted in unique style. A huge fireplace is being installed at one end of the room to add to the comfort. The workmen are putting the final touches to the interior decorating this week.

In addition to building the new clubhouse the members of the club have been active lately in getting their new ranges into shape. Five double run targets have been installed and a 500-yard range is available for the use of the members. The range is on Craig road, near Sandy boulevard, just to the rear of Rocky butte, and the clubhouse has been constructed there so as to be handy to the range. Rocky butte forms the back of the range.

The clubhouse project and the new ranges have been planned and work started on them since the war, although the club is a pioneer organization in the Sellwood district and has existed there for years. It has a membership roll of about 75 at present. The officers are Berlin E. Davis, president, and A. A. Linster, secretary. The regular meeting dates are on the second Monday in each month, but the range is available for the use of the club members at all times.

JURY CLEARS MOTORIST

John Alheit Absolved of Blame for Death of Boy.

John Alheit, Walla Walla motorist, whose machine ran down and killed 7-year-old Robert Smith in front of the Glencoe school, Wednesday afternoon, was absolved from all blame by a jury which viewed the scene and heard evidence of witnesses last night. The boy alone was at fault, the jurors decided, and added a further finding to their verdict in the opinion that the school board should

MAN BOUND AND ROBBED

Kidnaping and Assault Reported to Police by E. L. Barnhill.

Two young men, neither much more than 20 years old, bound, gagged and robbed Leonard L. Barnhill, 733 Pacific street, last night, in the vicinity of Caruthers

OVER THE BORDER

BETTY COMPTON TOM MOORE

LOEW'S HIPPODROME

LAST TIME TODAY—THE DELIGHTFUL ACTOR FRANK W. STAFFORD AND ALL-STAR BILL TOMORROW—

Advertisement for Texas Guinan in Person. Includes text: 'Hello! HERE I AM! TEXAS GUINAN IN PERSON AND ON THE SCREEN'. Also mentions 'THE FEMALE BILL HART' and 'SPITFIRE'.

DORIS MAY IN "BOY CRAZY" OH, KIDDIES!! BALLOON MATINEE TOMORROW

DISABLED TO NEED WORK Veterans in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Robert S. Marx, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, announced on his arrival here today that he would seek to have the organization at its convention next week go on record as demanding that the board which grants compensation to veterans actually view the disabled man's body instead of getting its information from written reports.

SLUGGED MAN IS DYING (Continued From First Page.) planned in an attempt to save his life. Members of his family have practically given up hope. Cushman was a native of Philadelphia, married and the father of four children. He was a member of the Maccabees and the Spanish War Veterans, and had just returned from Pendleton, where he represented the local post in the state convention of the order.

MAJESTIC TOMORROW

Advertisement for My Old Kentucky Home. Includes text: 'An Avalanche of Thrills! Daring deeds and rescues 'mid the blizzards of the north. The romance of a dazzling heroine who bewitched the law. A sensational two-star triumph!' and 'My Old Kentucky Home'.

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Advertisement for Dorothy Dalton, Milton Sills, Wanda Hawley. Includes text: 'Dorothy Dalton, Milton Sills, Wanda Hawley in the "Woman Who Walked Alone" Gorgeous Gowns and Thrills Just ask anyone who has seen it!'.