

WILSON IS LOSING HOLD ON HIS PARTY

President as Political Issue Proves Disappointment to His Henchmen.

REVOLT IS FORMIDABLE

Patronage Fight With Senators Contributes to Result and With Members of House Name Is Deprived of Potency.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 2.—The amazing rapidity with which President Wilson has lost his influence over his party majority in Congress is the one astonishing political development since the November election, and the most important development as well.

Only a few months ago, both branches of Congress were ready to act at the dictation of the White House; today a mandate from the White House is not worth the paper it is written on, or would not be, if it should be written.

Wilson Is Disappointing Issue.

Primarily, the President's declining political influence is due to the November election. Congress having been kept in Washington against its will until a few weeks before election, members did not have time to get out into the campaign to any extent, and the Democratic candidates, with few exceptions, made their appeal for re-election solely on the ground that the "President must be sustained." Thus, from the Democratic standpoint, Wilson was the issue in the late campaign, and in many Congressional districts, and in not a few Senatorial fights, he was the sole issue put forward by Democrats seeking re-election.

As a campaign issue, President Wilson proved a dismal disappointment to those who depended upon him.

Attempt to Dictate Angers.

So far as politicians are concerned, the President's waning influence is also attributed to his attempt, when Congress reconvened, to dictate absolutely in the matter of Federal patronage, ignoring the Senate completely, though the Senate, under the Constitution, has as much authority as the President over general Federal appointments.

The President not only undertook to deny the Senate its constitutional rights regarding appointments, but he went further and deliberately offered affront to the Senate by serving notice, by his acts, rather than in words, that he intended to ignore the Senate if the Senate saw fit to reject his appointments. In this same connection, the President, with a studied care, started out to punish Democratic Senators who had dared disagree with him on public questions, during the past session.

Republicans Are Offended.

In several instances, moreover, the President, on advice of the Postmaster-General, went out of his way to offer offense to Republican Senators, who of course did not expect or demand the right to control patronage under a Democratic administration, but who did ask that men personally obnoxious to them be not appointed in their home towns.

The most aggravated case of offense offered a Republican Senator lay in the appointment of John H. Bloom as postmaster at Devils Lake, N. D. Bloom happened to be a man who was intensely obnoxious to Senator Gronna, a Republican, and on Senator Gronna's protest during the last session, Bloom's nomination was rejected.

Senate Resents Affront.

Immediately, on advice of the Postmaster-General, the President named Miss Marie J. Bloom, wife of the first appointee, as postmistress at Devils Lake, Mr. Burleson being determined to force one member of the Bloom family on the unwilling Senate. The Senate then rejected this nomination. Whereupon, one week before Congress convened, the President gave Mrs. Bloom, a recess appointment, thinking thereby to keep her in office, even though the Senate again rejects her nomination. The Senate was then again called on to show its resentment of the affront offered Senator Gronna, who has no enemies in the Senate on either side of the aisle.

It is well known that the President made appointments obnoxious to Senator O'Gorman, of New York; Senator Reed, of Missouri, and Senator Martine, of New Jersey, and the aim of the Executive manifestly was to punish these Senators for having opposed his legislation or his appointments at the last session.

Opposition Angers President.

Senator Reed was the most objectionable of all the Senators because the fight led by him resulted in forcing the President to withdraw the nomination of Thomas D. Jones, of Chicago, as a member of the Federal Reserve Board. Jones happened to be the personal friend of the President and his nomination was purely a Wilson appointment, to be forced to abandon his close friend because of opposition led by Senator Reed made the President angry.

To make matters worse, when the patronage revolt in the Senate took formidable shape, the President assumed a superior air and announced to newspapermen that he had no quarrel with the President and would be being clearly his intention to convey the idea that he would not stoop to recognize the Senate's rejection of his nomination as a rebuff to the Senate. He ignored the Senate altogether and kept his appointees in office under recess appointments and in spite of adverse Senate action.

House Also Is Concerned.

While the House is not as deeply concerned as the Senate over the patronage controversy, yet there are many House members who have been ignored by President Wilson in making appointments in their respective districts, and still others—many others—who went down to defeat last November because they risked all on the popularity of the President and were defeated because they wore the yoke.

Defeated Democrats, and especially those who have no hope of securing Federal jobs by appointment from the President, are about as sore at the President as are the outraged members of the Senate. While the President still has an advantage in the House because of the big Democratic majority rolled up in 1912, his name is not so potent there as it was three months ago. The Administration will find difficulty in forcing even the House to swallow Administration measures to which there is honest Democratic opposition, as, for instance,

there is to the Government shipping bill.

Mighty Fall Is Heard.

It is remarkable that a President who, in October, need only order the passage of a bill to force its adoption, should in the following January find himself unable to get a majority vote for legislation bearing the Administration brand. Unless there is an adjustment of the patronage tangle—an adjustment under which the President completely backs down—he will find himself powerless to drive Congress against its will, and he will see the short session adjourn with little to his credit beyond the passage of the appropriation bills.

This is another case of the mighty fallen, but the fall has been unusually hard because of the distance the President dropped since last October.

EUGENE'S CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The year 1914 was not one of depression in Eugene. With total construction activities measured by nearly \$1,000,000, its building permits alone aggregated \$12,372, or 40 per cent larger than \$76,923, the total attained during 1913.

During the past year Eugene has completed a \$110,000 high school building, started a \$75,000 armory and a \$90,000 administration building has been commenced on the University of Oregon campus. A total of 22,235 yards of street paving were laid at a cost of \$50,000, giving Eugene 15 miles of hard-surface pavement; 16,395 feet of sewer were laid at a cost of \$26,282, making a total of 35 miles of sewer, and a record annual distance of five miles of concrete sidewalk were laid at a cost of \$12,500, giving Eugene 33 miles of concrete walk.

For the coming year plans are laid for an even greater paving programme, for \$50,000 in drainage work, the installation of ten miles of new water mains and two new reservoirs to cost \$100,000.

Eugene now covers an area of four and one-half miles and has 139 acres of city parks.

CORT BORROWS \$500,000

Theatrical Corporation Files Mortgage in Yakima County.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Copy of a mortgage for \$500,000 given by John Cort, incorporated, a corporation formed under laws of Delaware, to the Central Trust Company of New York, was filed for record in the office of the County Auditor here today. The mortgage is given to secure an equal amount of 6 per cent gold bonds issued by the Cort corporation "to obtain money needed in the operation of its business."

Property covered by the mortgage includes the stock of amusement and theater companies operating the Cort theaters in New York City and Denver, as well as Baker and other places in Oregon, the Grand and others in Seattle, the Auditorium in Spokane and the Yakima Theater of this city.

MINIMUM WAGE OPPOSED

Washington Hotelmen File Complaint on Chambermaid Scale.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Hotelmen appeared today before the Industrial Welfare Commission to protest against the \$9 minimum wage proposed for chambermaids by the recent hotel and restaurant conference, though making no protest against the \$11 recommended by the same conference as a temporary measure for waitresses.

ARMOR DOES NOT PROTECT

German General Warns Soldiers Not to Rely on Advertised Models.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The general commanding the Eighteenth German Army Corps has, according to the Paris Temps, issued the following notice to his troops:

"The proof armor of which various models have been placed on sale and actively advertised does not give at all the protection promised. On the contrary, exposure to fire it is shown that the armor, instead of protecting, becomes itself the cause of grave wounds to those wearing it. Besides, the pieces of armor interfere with freedom of movement and make the soldiers' work more difficult. It is necessary to issue this caution against worthless purchases."

20 Marshfield Autoists Fined.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Twenty autoists have been fined \$5 each here as a result of the city administration's efforts to enforce ordinances relating to the lighting of cars and their positions on the streets. Among the offenders were Dr. George E. Dix, Dr. William Horstall and Dr. E. V. Morrow.

Otto Huber, Big Brewer, Dies.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 2.—Otto Huber, owner of brewery interests here, in Iowa and in the state of Washington, died at his home here today, aged 48 years.

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3515 Washington Street, Portland, Or.

Twenty Payment Life Policy

Matured in the Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Neb.

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Total Cash paid Mr. Cooms \$831.21
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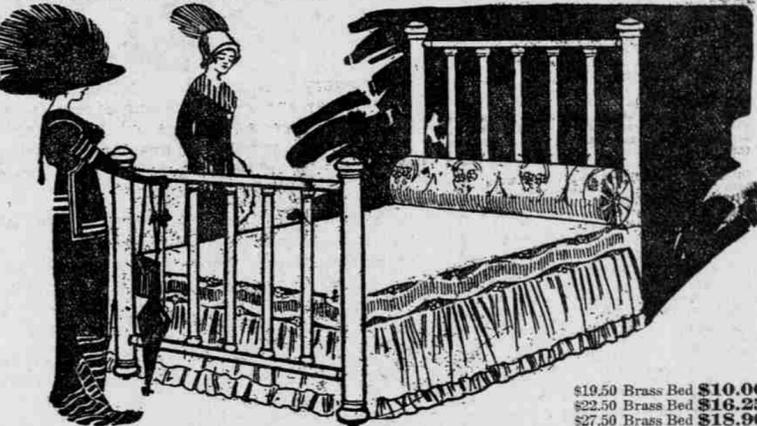
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