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Bid for Liquor Fight Taken Up by 30 States.

MAINE EXECUTIVE LEADS

Governors Said to Be Ready to Line Up With Federal Government for Prohibition Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(Special).—The governors of 30 states, anxious to unite with the federal government in defending the prohibition amendment against the attack upon it made by the state of Rhode Island, have consulted former Justice Charles E. Hughes as to whether the constitution permits them to join in such an action.

It is probable that if advised by Mr. Hughes that a junction of state and federal forces in defense of the amendment is possible, the state representatives will invite him to be their chief counsel.

Governor Milliken and Attorney-General Sturgis of Maine, who desire to devise a plan to fight the "chief suits" which may be brought in Maine, which was one of the first of the prohibition states, have conferred with Mr. Hughes today to reveal the results of the conferences.

Little Rhode Protest. "The principal issue," Governor Milliken said, "is that raised by Rhode Island in attempting to have the 18th amendment declared unconstitutional on the ground that it is an invasion by the other states on her rights."

"I have conferred with the governors of other dry states on this question, and we are generally agreed that it will be well to inquire into the rights of the dry states to see what steps may be taken by the ways to our detriment, and to decide what kind of procedure should be followed in asserting our rights."

"I am not acting as a representative of the other governors in my visit to Judge Hughes, but entirely in the interest of the state of Maine. It is possible that other dry states, through their governors or legislatures, will join in some plan to assert their rights. One thing we could do would be to be represented by counsel at the hearings on the suit brought by Rhode Island. There may be other courses open to us. That is what I came here to find out. Several further conferences will be held with Judge Hughes before anything is decided definitely."

Wet States Stop Over. "The dry states don't want any wet ones. They stop over into the dry ones. It is a chance to put another stone on John Barleycorn's grave, I'm for it."

Governor Milliken said he was in communication with governors of 30 states regarding the league for enforcement idea. The association opposed to national prohibition threw its weight on the side of the officials when it announced today that the supreme court of Maine would be petitioned next month for an order directing a referendum on the action of the Maine legislature in ratifying the prohibition amendment.

MYERS PLANS TO FIGHT

(Continued From First Page.) The efforts being made to oust him from his \$6000-a-year office. The orders from Washington received last Tuesday state that he must relinquish the office at the close of business January 31, 1920, or face certain dismissal.

Inspector Barclay arrived in the city with definite instructions and authority to assume charge of the office today. The authority back of such instructions is such that it cannot be ignored with impunity. Mr. Myers, while ostensibly electing to fight for his job, will in fact permit the inspector to serve as acting postmaster.

In defiance of the order from Washington, however, Mr. Myers insists that the department has no authority at law to force his resignation or dismissal.

Law on Appointment Cited. "It was appointed by the president of the United States and confirmed by the United States senate," he said. "My commission does not expire until July 31, 1921, and the only way in which I can be removed is upon order of the president and consent of the United States senate, by a two-thirds vote. In no other way can I be removed from office."

The postal law relating to the appointment and removal of postmasters reads, under section 230, as follows: "Postmasters of the first, second and third class appointed and may be removed by the president, by and with the consent of the senate."

The Portland office is a first-class postoffice and comes under the provisions of the foregoing section.

Mr. Myers Puzled by Demand. "The inspector made the annual check of the office today and found every department in good condition," continued Mr. Myers. "It was only a short time ago that my office was highly commended by the department at Washington for its general excellence and I am at a loss to understand why they should demand my resignation."

week in his own headquarters on the second floor.

If Mr. Myers is correct in his contention that the only method by which he can be removed is through executive and senatorial disapproval, it is evident that he will at least retain the title of postmaster for many weeks. In the opinion of the department, it would be unwise to draw the salary of postmaster while Inspector Barclay performs the duties of the office.

Durand Hands in Resignation. Another feature of the controversy within the realm of possibility is the possible continuance of Mr. Myers in the office until his resignation expires in July, 1921. If the president and senate should confirm his dismissal at this time his successor would be appointed for a four-year term. A republican senate might possibly study the calendar sufficiently to see that if Mr. Myers were allowed to remain in the job for the year it could then with reasonable certainty dictate the appointment of a republican postmaster.

Assistant Postmaster Durand has submitted his resignation to Washington, it was said last night, and assisted in the checking up of the office accounts. Complaints against the request to resign may put him in better standing with the department when his friends begin their campaign for his reinstatement.

There will be no acting assistant postmaster appointed for the present, postal officials said.

Selection and appointment of a new postmaster is a slow process, so Mr. Barclay probably will be in control of the local postoffice for several months. He is inspector in charge of the division embracing Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington and has a record of more than 20 years in the postal service. He was located in Portland from 1901 to 1904, when looking after mail contracts.

For the benefit of those who desire to be appointed postmaster, the position carrying \$5000 a year salary, United States Senator George H. Chamberlain telegraphed Dr. J. W. Morrow, democratic national committeeman, and Oswald West that the appointment will not be made on his recommendation but as a result of a civil service examination.

Law governing the administration of the postoffice establishment of the United States, which are being applied in the Portland situation, are, in part, as follows: "Whenever the office of any postmaster becomes vacant the postmaster-general or the president shall supply such vacancy without delay and the postmaster-general, at any time, when the exigencies of the postoffice require, place such office in charge of a postoffice inspector until the vacancy is regularly filled; and when such inspector shall have taken charge of such postoffice, he shall continue to exercise the duties of the postmaster as he sees fit."

Inspectors Special Agents. "Whenever a change of postmaster occurs, the outgoing postmaster shall render an account to and including the day upon which the office is delivered to his successor. No payments shall be made by a postmaster for any expenses extending beyond the day on which he turns the postoffice over to his successor."

"Postoffice inspectors are the special representatives of the postmaster-general. They are charged with the investigation of postoffices and all matters connected with the postal service, clerks, employees, contractors and others connected with the postal service, and are subordinate to postoffice inspectors when acting within the scope and duty of their employment."

Inspectors are required to exhibit as evidence of their authority the commission issued by the postmaster-general.

The examination of applicants for postmaster will not be held under the civil service acts and rules, but under executive order of March 31, 1917. No one under 30 years can take the examination, nor can a person who has been examined for the position within the last five years. The rating in the examination will be 20 per cent on education and 80 per cent on business training and experience. Those who wish to try for the examination should apply for form 2241, stating the position they wish to be examined for. This form and application can be secured by writing to the civil service commission, Washington, D. C., or at the local postoffice.

Applicants should show that for at least five years they have held responsible positions managing business in such capacity as president, general manager, general superintendent or the like. They must give the number of men under them, the character of the business, the volume of business done annually by the person, firm or corporation with which they were connected, and the commercial rating of the business. They must submit recent photographs and must be residents within the delivery of the office.

Open Examination Follows. In due time an "open, competitive examination" must be held by the civil service commission to test the fitness of applicants. Later two men, one a postal inspector and the other a representative of the civil service commission, will make a personal examination, regarding the character and characteristics of the applicants and ascertain the business ability of the candidates from people best qualified to know.

After the ratings have been made, the commission will certify the result to the postmaster-general, who shall submit to the president the name of the highest qualified eligible for the appointment. The president will send the name to the senate and General Barclay has announced the appointment the new postmaster will receive his commission.

All these formalities to be observed there is nothing that Senator Chamberlain can do to help an aspirant, and possibly a recommendation from the senator would be more of a liability than an asset. And so far as the national committee is concerned, he says he will keep his hands off and will not endorse any applicant individually. There is a democratic organization, however, and if the organization favors some one candidate, the national committee will boost for that choice.

Thus far G. Y. Harry and George Alexander appear to be the most active candidates, although A. W. Cuthbert and Cleb Houston intend taking the examination and there will probably be a dozen others when the time comes. In some quarters Mr. Alexander is considered as having the edge because his father and Postmaster-General Barclay are both members of the president's cabinet, and Mr. of the president's cabinet will make the recommendation to the president. Of course, if lightning should strike Alexander, this would create a vacancy in the office of United States marshal, which will precipitate a rush of applicants in that direction.

CHICAGO HOUSE 'BOMBED' Windows Shattered in Home in Exclusive District. CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—For the second time within a year an attempt was made tonight to bomb a house in Chicago's exclusive north shore quarter. All windows in the building and several in adjacent houses were broken.

NEXT POSTMASTER MAY BE REPUBLICAN

Examination, Not Political Faith, Will Decide.

CLERKS ARE FOR DURAND

Applicants for Place Are Told at Washington That They Will Have to Pass Test.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31.—Notice will go to the civil service commission in a few days to call an examination at Portland, Or., as soon as practicable to fill the vacancy in the postoffice due to the forced retirement of Frank S. Myers. In the meantime, post-office inspectors will have charge of the office, the department said today.

Aspirants for the postmastership began to file their applications in by telegraph today to the department and to Senators Chamberlain and McNary. The reply going to all of them is that the next postmaster of Portland will be the man who obtains the highest rating in the civil service examination, provided he meets the other requirements of the post.

On the assumption that Senator Chamberlain would name the next postmaster several sought his support, but to all the senator answered that he would make no recommendation. He recently the civil service plan of appointing postmasters has not been so much of a sham as formerly and it is perfectly plausible to believe that the Portland office will be filled under the merit system.

Republican May Get Place. In several cases in the last few weeks republicans have been appointed to office as postmasters, one of these being at Boston, and two republican postmasters have just been named in the eastern part of Washington state. Telegrams came in large numbers from Portland today from citizens and politicians bearing on the retirement of Postmaster Myers and his assistant, Mr. Durand.

The action of the department in Mr. Myers' case gave such satisfaction that the senders did not appear to worry about telegraph tolls. They went into ecstasies to the extent of a couple hundred words. There was not one discordant note with reference to the Myers' dismissal, but on the other hand, there was the same unanimous demand for the retention of Assistant Postmaster Durand.

Durand Is Championed. The most of the prominent democratic leaders of Portland, including former state officials, and others, were heard from and all of them declared that it was a serious mistake to retire Mr. Durand, regardless of his being a republican. Senator Chamberlain was urged to have the post-office department reconsider the case of Durand and responded by asking his reinstatement.

The department held, however, that a feud had grown up between the postmaster and his assistant to the point where the postoffice could not be taken sides. If Mr. Durand were retained, the department contended, the partisans of Mr. Myers would make it difficult to obtain harmony and consequently the only solution was to remove both officials.

A long telegram from the clerks of the Portland postoffice, which indicated that the department probably over-estimated the number of Myers partisans. These clerks urged that Mr. Durand not be removed.

WOMAN OF 18 ARRESTED

MRS. BERTHA SHIFFLETT HELD ON CHECK CHARGE. Husband, Held for Investigation, Denies Knowledge of Alleged Offenses.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—Mrs. Bertha Shifflett, aged 18, wife of Harley Shifflett, residing here, was arrested by Sheriff Stickels today on the charge of passing forged checks at local stores. She is in the county jail tonight, and her husband was also locked up pending investigation.

Sheriff Stickels and District Attorney Ray say Mrs. Shifflett has admitted her guilt, but say that her husband declares that he knows nothing concerning his wife's alleged offenses.

Mrs. Shifflett is accused of passing ten spurious checks, the first one being dated December 15 and the last one found bearing date of January 26. Several merchants have identified her as being the one who gave the checks in payment for goods and say that she usually received about half the amount of the checks in cash. Goods when the senate confirms the amount to over \$150, the merchants say.

Mrs. Shifflett is alleged to have made out the checks in the names of girl friends and acquaintances and signed the names of young men she knows here, at Silverton and other towns in the valley where she has been lately.

TRAIL BLAZER IS DEAD

William C. A. Smoot One of First in Salt Lake Valley. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 31.—William C. A. Smoot, last survivor of the original band of pioneers which reached the valley of Salt Lake July 24, 1847, with Brigham Young, died here tonight. Many of his relatives and friends were with him last Friday to celebrate his 62d birthday.

Mr. Smoot was one of the first company of men to break the trail between Salt Lake and Los Angeles, Cal., by way of Las Vegas, Nev., and San Bernardino, Cal. He was one of the 30 young men called by Brigham Young to go to Las Vegas, and he was ordered formally reported to the house today by the agriculture

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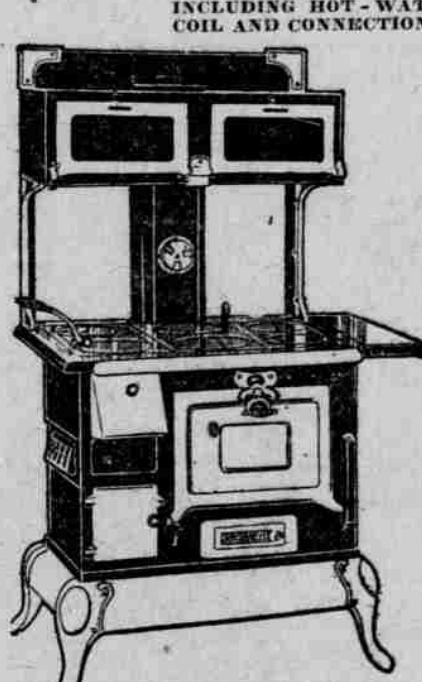


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