

## DEMOCRATS STILL UNABLE TO AGREE OVER LEADERSHIP

Votes for Hitchcock and Underwood Are Split Even; Senators Glass or Smith Could Break Tie.

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Washington, Jan. 23.—Secret ballots may not be popular, but that's about the only way the Democratic party in the senate will be able to choose a leader without leaving scars of dissatisfaction among the friends of Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and Senator Underwood of Alabama, the rival candidates. As things now stand the strength of each is exactly the same and only Carter Glass, the new senator from Virginia, who takes his seat soon, and Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who declined to vote on the last ballot, can break the tie.

It would appear that Glass favors Senator Underwood. Should the Georgia senator vote for Hitchcock, the ballot would still be a tie. The story goes that Senator Hoke Smith gave encouragement to both Senators Hitchcock and Underwood prior to the last caucus and found himself in an embarrassing position when time voting started. The caucus had a lively debate as to whether to invite Senator-elect Glass to participate, but because the vote on the invitation was 20 to 19 and not unanimous, the Virginia senator wisely refrained from participating in the contest.

**SECRET BALLOT LIKELY**  
Things have progressed to the point where a secret ballot alone will give the Democrats a leader and prevent hard feelings in the future, for while Senators Hitchcock and Underwood are both too big to be personally affected by the votes of their colleagues, some of their friends have become so wrought up over the leadership contest that the Democrats will be a much more harmonious body if the leadership question is amicably settled than if it is solved the way the Republican battle for leadership was waged in the house. As between the Mandell and Mann actions, feeling has not yet entirely disappeared, and it would have been much better all around if a secret ballot had been taken in every case.

The public is not required to sign each ballot deposited in general, and where the choice of individuals from among their own number is concerned, senators ought not to feel required to record publicly their likes and dislikes or their respective judgments of the worth of colleagues.

The next vote on the Democratic leadership of the senate will be taken whenever Senators Hitchcock and Underwood agree to issue the call, which will be about the middle of next month. The delay is due to a feeling that Senator Hitchcock ought to have a free hand in the negotiations for a compromise on the peace treaty. He is being given the hearty support of all the Democrats, and while at first there was a disposition to withhold support on the theory that Senator Underwood ought to manage the treaty fight for his party, it would appear that the Democrats are not going to swap horses in midstream. Negotiations for a compromise are proceeding very well. In another week or so the public will know just what each side has yielded and whether indeed there have been sufficient concessions to warrant a ratification of the compromise.

**FRIENDS FIGHT HARD**  
There is no doubt that the friends of Senator Underwood, too, have felt that as long as the treaty was on the calendar, they could not make as effective an argument as if it were not there. The partisans of Mr. Underwood have insisted that when the treaty is out of the way and domestic matters are again in the foreground there is no better leader than Oscar Underwood and they point in this connection to his successful record as leader of a victorious party in the house when domestic issues were paramount. In favor of the Alabama senator it is urged moreover that he has a special knowledge of many of the questions that are to arise in the next campaign.

On the other hand, it is to some extent a contest between the West and South, and the Western Democrats are saying it would be a severe blow to their prestige if the South were to win the leadership again. They argue that the West has not forgotten the activity of Southern senators in keeping the government from fixing the price of cotton whilst the price of wheat was fixed for the Western farmer. They contend, moreover, that the South has had the leadership long enough in the person of Senator Martin of Virginia and Representative Claud Kitchen of North Carolina.

## MISSING MAN, MIND BLANK, HERDS SHEEP

Bend, Jan. 23.—When S. N. Hill, well known and prosperous farmer of the Fort Rock section, recovered from a 16-day lapse of memory he found himself herding sheep on Wagon Tire mountain about 60 miles from his home.

At what time he suffered loss of memory, Hill was unable to say when he returned to his home Wednesday afternoon. He says that he has no recollection of hiring out to a sheep man to care for his flock nor of being paid a \$20 check which he found on his person after returning. For more than three weeks Hill was absent from his home. Officials and relatives have held the view that he met with foul play. Hill will be brought to Bend for medical treatment.

lina, and that if the Democrats are to play up to the West this year, the thing they should do is to show it on leadership ballot. To all this the friends of Mr. Underwood say there is no comparison between the record of Democratic leaders Kitchen and Martin and the effectiveness of Oscar Underwood, both as a debater on the floor and a diplomat in the cloakroom. But much of the contest is personal, and the Democrats will never vote their individual preferences unless they take a secret ballot.

## TWO PERSONS AND GARAGE HELD UP

Bandits Take Small Sum From Fashion Garage; Man Beats Off Robbers.

A lone bandit walked into the fashion garage at Tenth and Taylor streets Thursday night about 8:30 o'clock and covering Clifford Latourelle, a clerk and only occupant of the office, with a revolver, obtained from \$10 to \$15 in cash from the till, then escaped.

When M. Burke, proprietor of Burke's coffee house, 37 Third street, entered his room in the Caples hotel at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, two men, who were secreted therein, jumped on him and demanded his money. Burke had the best of the fight and the would-be robbers escaped without any valuables. Police Inspector Swennes was assigned to the case.

Stopping 14-year-old Bordel Fastvaget, 5232 Thirty-seventh avenue, a man with a red handkerchief around his neck, bearing a sack over his shoulder, held up the girl at 7:40 Thursday night, near the intersection of Foster road and Fifty-eighth street.

The girl was returning home from the library, and had only a book, which the highwayman examined and returned to her. In the book was \$1, which he failed to find. The child had nothing else of value. The highwayman carried a gun, according to the report made to the police, who are investigating.

## Congressmen Meet To Discuss Klamath Lake Land Problem

Washington, Jan. 23.—Another step toward settlement of the controversy over the Doak & Brown lease of lands bordering Klamath lake was taken up Thursday at a conference between Secretary Lane, Senator Chamberlain, Representative Sinnott, and Brown of Doak & Brown. Brown expressed willingness to accept the recent proposal of Lane for the inclusion of public lands in the Dickling plan at the government's expense, reserving the right within six months to abandon the entire proposition.

Discussion as to chances for securing an appropriation to cover the government share in the Dickling plan having failed to result in definite prospects of action, it was agreed that Chamberlain and Sinnott will extend a joint invitation to the American Legion and other protestants at Klamath Falls to come here next month in the hope of securing final agreement by all concerned.

The house Indian affairs committee today authorized favorable report on the Sinnott bill to empower the court of claims to hear claims of Klamath Indians for reimbursement on account of alleged deficiencies in reservation boundaries.

## Registration Falls Short in Portland Of Eligible Voters

Barely two-thirds of the voters in Multnomah county have registered for the coming primary elections in May, according to figures compiled by James Gleason, deputy county clerk. Figures compiled to January 7, show that 71,173 voters have registered, compared with the 93,768 voters who cast ballots at the last general election, November 1918. All qualified voters have until April 21 to register.

County officials are anxious to have the largest registration ever recorded, this year, because of the extreme importance of the coming elections. All who have failed to vote at the last two elections, or all who have changed their residence since registering, are compelled to register again.

**Schumann-Heink Improves**  
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## WOMEN ARE COMPELLED TO FILE RETURNS FOR INCOME TAX THIS YEAR

Collector of Internal Revenue Explains Changes Affecting All Single and Married Women.

Women who had incomes during 1919 are reminded by Collector of Internal Revenue Miller that they are subject to all of the provisions of the federal income tax. Many thousands of women file returns and pay taxes regularly, and there are new names added to this list each year. The high wages and salaries received by women last year will perhaps double the number of the fair sex who are required to file returns.

A public school teacher, or other city, town, county and state employee, is not taxed on her salary or wages, but must file a return if her taxable income from other sources was sufficient in amount to come within the law's definitions.

An unmarried woman, a widow or a married woman who is living apart from her husband, must file an income tax return if her net income for 1919 was \$1000 or over.

She is entitled to an exemption on the first \$1000 of her income. If she is the head of a family, as defined in the income tax regulations, she may claim \$1000 additional exemption. Also, she may claim further exemption of \$200 for each person for whom she is the chief support, if the dependent is under 18 or is mentally or physically defective.

A married woman who has an income from a separate source than her husband is entitled to file a separate return with respect to that income. Ordinarily a husband and wife file one joint return, including the income of both. But if the husband does not include his wife's income, the wife is required to file her own return. Separate returns of husband and wife are required if either had a net income exceeding \$5000.

A married woman who lives with her husband is not allowed a prescribed

exemption. She and her husband have \$2000, plus \$300 additional for each dependent; and this exemption may be taken by either or divided in any manner between them.

A woman who was widowed during 1919 may claim exemption for the full year, on the basis of her status as of December 31.

A wife whose husband is in a sanatorium or temporarily working in another city, and is separated from him only through necessity, should not consider her status as "living apart" from her husband. But if there is voluntary continuous separation, whether or not granted by court decree, each must take the status of a single person with respect to income tax.

## London Is Pleased With Hoover Boom

London, Jan. 23.—(U. P.)—The Hoover boom for president in the United States has been received favorably in all circles here. In the opinion of many he probably is more popular with Europeans than any other American.

"Hoover has acquired as solid a reputation as any of his countrymen," the Pall Mall Gazette said today.

## MANY EX-SERVICE MEN ARE UNEMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES

During December Last 37,205 Men Asked Work; 28,878 Men Were Given Positions.

Returned soldier employment is still a national problem unsolved, according to information received by Colonel G. W. S. Stevens, commander of the United States army general recruiting station in Portland, from the assistant secretary of war.

Last month in 179 cities 37,205 men applied for work and 28,878 were placed. On the lists of the unemployed January 1 were 16,776 ex-service men and 13,606 for whom positions were found.

As to Western conditions, the report states: "In Butte, Mont., there has been a good deal of suffering, and industry has

not yet completely recovered from the effects of the coal strike. Last figures show 49 men applying in one week and 60 placed."

"Helena, Mont., is in much better condition. There are 300 first-class jobs on file, and more coming in daily. Salt Lake City reports conditions very much improved, with an anticipated labor shortage for the whole state in the spring. Last week there were 31 men applying for work and 97 placed."

"In Los Angeles the American Legion has taken over the work. In the past year in that city 15,147 jobs were filled

for ex-service men at a cost of \$2662, or about 17 cents per man. Last week's figures show 118 registered and 136 placed."

"Figures from other Western cities are: San Diego, 31 registered, 28 placed; Missoula, 60 registered, 89 placed; Salem, 30 registered, 15 placed; Eugene, 154 registered, 61 placed; Cheyenne, 23 registered, 23 placed; Phoenix, 17 registered, 7 placed; Marshfield, 10 registered, 18 placed; Great Falls, 12 registered, 17 placed."



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