

BLEACHERS HOOT AT HUGHES AND HE MAY NEVER SCORE

By Robert J. Bender (United News Staff Correspondent) New York, Jan. 21.—From the press box, reached via a complimentary ticket, the writer has just witnessed the opening of what promises to be one of the most interesting innings in the Republican political ball game now under way. The stake is the Harding cabinet.

A galaxy of pitchers, in the persons of politicians of all kinds and descriptions, are seen pitching up candidacies they hope will be hit for home runs.

The umpires are President-elect Harding, back of home plate, and Harry Daugherty, behind the pitchers.

OLD TRICK WORKS Daugherty already had scored for the cabinet, and has been taken out of the game, therefore, and placed in his present position.

Such is the setting for the now famous political "freeze out" play, so successfully maneuvered by experienced Republican leaders at the national convention in Chicago last June.

At that time General Wood was on third with considerable likelihood of scoring the nomination.

For the moment, attention is directed at Hughes.

Hughes, having asked if he would accept the premier portfolio in the cabinet, if it could be arranged by President-elect Harding, is said by authorities heretofore reliable to have answered in the affirmative.

To all intents and purposes, Hughes had scored in the cabinet game—until the bleachers were heard from. There followed then a division by the umpires that he could not yet be accredited with a run and he was sent back to third to await the outcome of the "freeze out" play.

In politics, this play commands a high average of success, particularly when master players are directing it, as in the case now. The chances still favor

HUGHES SCORING, BUT, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN THESE DISPATCHES, INTIMATE ASSOCIATES OF HUGHES ARE INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL AS TO HIS CHANCES.

EXPECT NEW PLAYERS The big idea, of course, is that when David Jayne Hill hits the ball Hughes will be tagged out at the plate and Root, just named to first base, doubled off second, as he tries to advance his position. That will leave Hill with a clear path for scoring.

It took about three days to successfully work this play at Chicago. Authorities on the game here say it probably will take three weeks to work it in the cabinet game, if indeed, it is worked out according to schedule.

A similar play has been started on Will Hays and Tobe Hertz. Whether it is successful or not remains to be seen also, but in the meantime the coaches on the sidelines pass the word to the press box that there will be some new players in the game shortly, players whose names up till now have not figured in the lineup.

British Send More Whiskey to U. S. Than Ever Before

(By Universal Service) London, Jan. 21.—Purchases of Scotch whiskey here for export to the United States now exceed the demand before prohibition became law, according to the Daily Express.

The head of one of the largest liquor concerns of the country said:

"We send the whiskey to a certain port for delivery to persons who have large American connections. How they dispose of the goods we do not know, but we have reason to believe that they go to America, where they are sold at an enormous profit. American prohibition has not hit British liquor manufacturers."

Bible Class for Erring Students Is Scantily Attended

(By United News) Boston, Jan. 21.—Great resentment was expressed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when parents of a prospective engineer wrote to the M. I. T. Christian association, implying that Tech. school students were an immoral lot and that the faculty winked at the matter.

The Christian association straightway announced the establishment of a Bible class. Professors, distinguished alumni and leading spirits of Tech. promised to speak at the widely advertised first meeting. It was to be the first step toward the moral salvation of the institution. Seats were provided for the entire student body.

Eight students showed up.

Postmaster's Son Dies Pasco, Wash., Jan. 21.—Robert, 3-year-old son of Postmaster and Mrs. A. A. Barnes, died Wednesday from scarlet fever.

DISARMAMENT PLAN IS HELD BACK FOR HARDING'S REGIME

By John Gleasoner (United News Staff Correspondent) Washington, Jan. 21.—Efforts to convoke an international conference to discuss the reduction of armaments, it seems certain, will await the assumption of power by President-elect Harding. Chief interest in the Borah resolution, reported favorably to the senate by the foreign relations committee, therefore, centers in the fact that it indicates American sentiment to the world as the beginning of the Republican effort to adjust and define America's position among the nations.

Senators Lodge and Knox are opposed to action on the Borah resolution at this session and this argues against its immediate adoption. It is not deemed likely the Republican majority would consent to anything that might embarrass Harding.

ONLY OFFER HINT Lodge and Knox are familiar with Harding's views and are credited with having had a hand in shaping them. They gave the impression to their colleagues that an international conference may be a part of Harding's foreign policies, but that definite action should await his inauguration.

Another indication that Harding is interested in the subject is seen in the series of hearings before the house naval affairs committee. Chairman Butler called his committee together to discuss naval armament limitation soon after he returned from Marion, where he discussed naval policies with Harding, General Pershing and Henry White, one of the American peace commissioners, are to appear before this committee Friday.

WILSON WOULD'NT ACT President Wilson, the United News is able to state, would be disinclined to act on the Borah resolution even if it passed the senate at once and was referred to him. According to his advisers, he believes foreign policies should now be left to his successors and that the November election constituted a repudiation of efforts in the same direction he made in connection with the League of Nations. Further, it was said, the president would not want to start negotiations that Harding might disapprove. Foreign governments, knowing the Democrats are open-conversationists with them.

The Borah resolution, as amended and reported out, requests the president, "if not incompatible with the public interests," to advise the governments of Great Britain and Japan, respectively, that this government will at once take up directly with their governments, and

without waiting upon the action of any other nation, the question of naval disarmament, with the view of promptly entering a treaty by which the naval building programs shall be reduced annually. The resolution proposed a 50 per cent cut for five years.

ALIBIES NOT MENTIONED The foreign relations committee voted down the Walsh resolution which would have empowered the convocation of a general conference, and declined to adopt an amendment to the Borah resolution offered by Senator McCumber to include France and Italy. Objection is made to Borah's proposal in some quarters because it does not include all nations and because no mention is made of armies, so that nations whose chief powers lie therein, like France, would be affected.

Fishery Treaty Is Shelved in Senate

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate foreign relations committee today notified Senator Jones of Washington that it has decided no action shall be taken at the present session toward ratifying the fishery treaty with Canada, which was negotiated last year, and deals particularly with regulation of salmon in waters around Vancouver Island. Vigorous protests have been made against it by American fishery interests of Washington.

OUTGOING CABINET HUNTS FOR JOBS; HARD TIMES HERE

(By United News) Washington, Jan. 21.—Five members of President Wilson's cabinet will return to the practice of law, two will resume the green visor and shears of the editorial desk, one will swing back into the saddle of a gang plow and two join the great army of the unemployed after March 4.

Attorney-General Palmer, Secretary of State Colby, Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Interior John Barton Payne and Secretary of Commerce Joshua Wills Alexander are the five who will immediately become concerned again about the distinction between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee.

TWO OUT OF JOBS Secretary Daniels and E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, are the editors, Daniels of his own paper, the Observer

of Raleigh, N. C., and Meredith of a couple of farm publications in Des Moines, which he owns.

Postmaster General Burleson goes back to Texas to operate his farm, but critics of the postal department need not be too sanguine that this is his final retirement from public life. In 1922 he will be a candidate for congress and, should there be a vacancy, perhaps for the senate.

William E. Wilson, secretary of labor, and Secretary of the Treasury Houston will be idle. Wilson has no plans, but Houston says he will be just plain out of a job. Offers which he was reported to have had from Harvard and the Rockefeller Foundation never have reached him. It is believed, however, that several big financial institutions are after him.

COLBY TO SPECIALIZE The Bakers will leave for Cleveland on March 4, just after the inauguration. Their worst problem is transferring the children from the Washington to the Cleveland schools. The secretary will go back to the law firm of Stetler & Side, which he organized only two months before going to Washington. Mrs. Baker has their tickets and Pullman reservations now.

Palmer will practice in Stroudsburg and Pittsburg, Alexander at Galveston, Mo., Payne in Chicago and Colby in New York. Colby will not resume his old partnership with Edward D. Brown, but will set out for himself, specializing in international legal tangles. Alex-

ander stands a chance of being named a minority member of the shipping board after his revision.

Payne's freight leaves on March 4. He goes back to the board of South Park commissioners, Chicago, as a sideline to his law practice.

Grape Kings Offer Huzzas for Carrie and Prohibitionists

(By United News) Chicago, Jan. 21.—Little Stupid, the reporter, walked up to Wilmer Sieg, the California grape king, and addressed him thus:

"Mr. Sieg, has prohibition killed the grape industry?"

Whereupon Mr. Sieg, the grape king, rallied the other 500 delegates to the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association convention around him and ordered a brown derby for Little Stupid, and three resounding huzzas for prohibition.

"Bud," he said, "Bud, we grape growers go down on our knees every night to bless the Anti-Saloon league and Carrie Nation. Give us another two years of prohibition and we will be sitting on the world."

"Amateur wine makers are buying grapes faster than we can grow them. The way things are now, a grape will

be worth its weight in gold by this time next year. A man with a vineyard is better off than the guy who owns the mint.

"Prohibition a bad thing? Altogether, men!"

And the delegates to the American Fruit and Vegetable association convention gave three times three for prohibition, with the grape and apple growers doing it the most uproarious honor.

Parliament to Open By United News London, Jan. 21.—It is semi-officially announced that King George will open parliament on February 15.

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