

POLITICS SEEN IN BIG 'MOVIE' OFFER MADE WILL HAYS

Washington, Jan. 9.—Political questions attaching to the proposed resignation of Postmaster General Will Hays so that he become director general of the motion picture industry may be a determining factor in his consideration of the movie offer.

There is no doubt that implications raised by Senator Harrison in a speech Saturday have brought home to Hays the possible embarrassments he might bring to his party as well as to himself in accepting the movie job.

Hays maintains, however, that political considerations do not and could not enter in any way into his contemplated new work.

"A job," he believes, "can be made just as big as the man holding it wishes to make it. To succeed in his new job and to accomplish the big work it offers, I can not afford and would do nothing that would be instrumental in destroying the purpose I was striving for."

NO POLITICAL TAINT
"If there were the slightest political taint in my work, or the slightest basis for suspicion that political ends were being served, it would make it impossible for me to do the things I would wish to do. For that reason, naturally, it would be absolutely necessary for me to stand so straight as to cast backward in my determination to avoid anything that smacked of political designs."

Hays does not believe that the circumstances of his movie offer require any defense. He regards as a sufficient answer to Senator Harrison the very fact that his work with the picture industry would crumble to pieces if in any way he sought to make it a political influence.

Nevertheless, there are these elements which have to be considered, because they have been raised by Harrison, and may therefore be regarded as a forerunner of the thought democratic leaders will emphasize upon occasions if Hays takes the movie job.

1. There is now before the senate finance committee the question of imposing or retaining a tariff upon films imported into this country.

2. The federal trade commission is now threatening an investigation into some of the motion picture concerns.

3. The motion picture industry is battling the constant threat of a federal censorship law, and if such a law were passed it would be passed by the now overwhelmingly Republican house.

HARRISON RAISES POINT
Harrison raised this question: "Is it because the motion picture industry might have a weather eye out on that tariff proposition of the federal trade commission's investigation, and they think that Hays might be influential because of his closeness to certain senators here, or to representatives in the other body, or to certain members of the trade commission or to the present president of the United States, that he is solicited?"

The implication is quite obvious—and the thought carries potential embarrassments, both for Hays and the administration.

Democrats point out that the director general of the motion picture industry would have a power greater even than a theoretical super council, who might direct the policies of the combined newspapers of the country.

So there is no doubt that the Democrats would watch carefully and with suspicion the activities of a man whose political ingenuity is recognized in both parties, whose organizing abilities have won him fame, and whose contemplated new job would place him in a position of power, the influence of which could be made more far-reaching than any other single medium in the country.

Hays this week will make his decision. That he will accept is believed certain by his friends. He personally would like to do so, seeing in the new position an opportunity for doing what, to his mind, is perhaps the most constructive work now possible in a moral and educational way. In reaching his final decision he will confer with President Harding and members of his own family and have an official statement ready by the end of the week.

Empty Pocketbook Blamed for Cupid's Bad Record in 1931
New York, Jan. 9.—It's been a dull year for New York city's official cupid. "I issued 4900 less licenses during 1931 than I did in 1930," said Michael J. Cruise, city clerk, today.

"Business has fallen off here just like everywhere else."
"Maybe, now that the war is over, men are tired of fighting," was suggested.

"Not a bit of it," he said. "Old Man Hard-Times is the only one to blame. He's a stepfather, and the kind you read about in fairy tales—just keeps the loving doves apart."
"I suppose, too, men are scared of women who are insisting on economic independence?" the interviewer suggested.

"You're wrong again," he said. "A lot of the men who are getting married today are marrying women who are working and who will continue to work in order to keep the family going."
"No, I'll tell you," he said, "why I think that we have had fewer marriages this year than last. Hard times is the main reason. You see, 1932 was a prosperous year. Boys went around, their pockets lined with gold, giving the girls a good time, taking them everywhere they could wish to go, giving them presents, taking the family out occasionally, and then they'd get married. This year they haven't got any money, so how can they court their sweethearts? And if you don't have any courtship you can't have any weddings, can you?"

Two Hunters Freeze To Death on a Raft On Colorado Lake

Las Animas, Colo., Jan. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The bodies of Albert McGilvray and Robert Orr, both of this city, were recovered today from Blue Lake, north of here. It is believed the men became exhausted while hunting geese and froze to death on a raft. Orr's body was on the raft, but McGilvray had fallen into the icy water. Orr formerly lived in Pittsburg, Pa., where his father is comptroller of the Pennsylvania railroad system.

YOUTH CONFESSES HE KILLED MAN TO WIN HIS WIFE

(By United News)
San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Henry Heuer, 17-year-old high school boy of Richmond, Cal., confessed to detectives Sunday

night that he had waylaid and shot Manuel Cabral, 22, because he was madly in love with Emma Cabral, the pretty 24-year-old wife of the slain man. He said he shot Cabral because he hoped he might win the wife's love. Cabral was shot last Friday night. He was shot three times. Mortally wounded, Cabral fled to his home and died on his own doorstep as his wife opened the door to admit him. He never knew his slayer, and in his dying statement gave the name of his brother-in-law, Antonio Merza, with whom he had quarreled some days before. Merza was arrested and remained in jail until Heuer's confession Sunday night. Heuer confessed that the fires of jealousy were ignited on the night of December 28, when Cabral ordered

Heuer from his home after he had returned and found him there in company with his wife and her two brothers. Outraged because of the husband's treatment of her, Heuer, according to his confession, deliberately planned Cabral's death. He obtained his father's automatic and lay in wait for Cabral last Friday night. He feigned a hold-up and shot Cabral. Heuer is a sophomore at the Richmond union high school and, color bearer of the high school cadets. Mrs. Cabral admitted that she knew the boy was fond of her, but told the police she had no idea that he had fallen in love. He had never expressed his infatuation, other than by his desire to be in her company, she said. Sheriff Vole of Contra Costa county followed circuitous footsteps across

fields to the Heuer's home. Officers found the boy, who denied any knowledge of the affair. The police were satisfied and left. Later, neighbors stated that they had seen Heuer hiding beneath the Cabral house last Friday a few hours before the shooting. Heuer was arrested and eventually confessed. He said he was madly in love with Mrs. Cabral. Sunday night he calmly went over the ground and re-enacted the crime for the police. The boy's parents had been away from home for two months and it was during this time that he met Mrs. Cabral at a high school party at which a number of other high school students were present. The boy's father is a traveling agent for the Santa Fe railroad.

JOHNSTON, WIFE ASSAILANT, DIES

William J. Johnston, 1257 Mississippi avenue, who Thursday shot his wife four times in a fit of jealousy and then fired a bullet through his forehead in an attempt at suicide, died shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon without once regaining consciousness since the tragedy at his home. So critical was the condition of Mrs.

Johnston that hospital attendants did not tell her of her husband's death. She was suffering with a high fever, although her condition was not worse than it has been for several days. Sunday Mrs. Johnston said she would always be afraid of her life in case her husband survived his wounds. The possibility of a future attack from her husband, in case he would have lived, has been preying on her mind, attendants believe. Johnston is survived by his wife and three children, one of whom, a 4-year-old son, witnessed the shooting. They are being cared for by relatives at the home. Johnston was 40 years old, and was employed as a pit man at the Piedmont car barns.

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Long Stakes Camp To Battle Senator Reed of Missouri
(By United News)
St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Breckenridge Long will open campaign headquarters here within 15 days. It is announced in preparation for his fight against Senator James Reed in the August primaries. Long formerly was third assistant secretary of state and was a Democratic candidate against Senator Spencer in 1930. He was prominently mentioned in the selection of Cordell Hull of Tennessee as chairman of the national committee, but was ruled out on grounds that he was not a member of the committee.