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## INSURGENTS LOSE POWER IN CONGRESS

**Radicals Are Classified By  
House as Members of a  
New Fourth Party.**

Washington, D. C.—After wielding the "balance of power" in both branches of congress for the last two years, the La Follette insurgents stood shorn of their republican affiliations and herded by administrative leaders into the classification of a new fourth party.

This was the outstanding result of the republican caucus.

Those affected include Representatives Cooper, Voight, Nelson, Shafer, Lampert, Beck, Brown, Schneider, Frear and Peavy of Wisconsin; Sinclair of South Dakota, Koller of Minnesota and Laguardia of New York.

Senate and house republicans acted simultaneously in displacing the insurgents. In the house the rebels were barred from the caucus and in the senate they were denied party affiliation by a vote of the senate committee on committees.

The specific action taken against the four senate insurgents—Senators La Follette of Wisconsin, Ladd and Frazier of North Dakota, and Brookhart of Iowa—was to deprive them of all committee assignments as republicans for the next congress and to assign them as independents. This action will rank them lower than the standing given Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, the "third party" farmer-laborer.

Senator McNary of Oregon was the only member of the republican committee on committees to cast a negative vote.

## LONGWORTH NEXT SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Washington, D. C.—Nicholas Longworth of Ohio will preside as speaker of the house in the sixty-ninth congress and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut will be the republican floor leader.

The present majority leader was selected by republican members-elect in the house in caucus as their candidate for speaker on the first ballot by a vote of 140 to 85.

Other selections made by the caucus included Representative Hawley of Oregon as chairman of the caucus and Representative Sweet of New York as secretary and Representative Vestal of Indiana as republican whip, a post he now holds.

Democrats elected to the new house in a caucus selected Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee as the democratic candidate for speaker and as a result he will continue as minority leader in the house during the 69th congress.

## BORAH LOSES PAY FIGHT

**All Other Pacific Northwest Senators Favor Pay Rise.**

Washington, D. C.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, lost his fight to have the senate rescind its former action in voting an increase of salaries of senators and representatives from \$7500 to \$10,000 a year.

By a vote of 64 to 18, the senate refused to suspend the rules so as to act upon an amendment to the second deficiency appropriation bill which would have repealed the pay increase rider attached to the legislative bill by the senate and house without a record vote.

Senators from the Pacific northwest are overwhelmingly in favor of an increase in congressional salaries. It was disclosed by the vote. The only vote from the Pacific northwest for the amendment was cast by Senator Borah, its sponsor. McNary and Stanfield, Oregon; Jones and Dill, Washington, and Gooding, Idaho, went on record unhesitatingly for the increase.

## Rail Labor Board Hit By Ruling.

Washington, D. C.—Railroads are not required to submit to the railroad labor board for arbitration labor disputes with their employees. The supreme court so declared in a decision declaring the roads can determine who shall be recognized as representing their employees in labor disputes.

## President's Pardon Right Sustained.

Washington, D. C.—The president has authority under the constitution to pardon persons held in contempt of court in criminal cases, the supreme court held in a decision upholding the pardon granted by President Coolidge to Philip Grossman of Chicago.

## Pierce Approves Tax on Tobacco.

Salem, Or.—Governor Pierce signed a bill providing for a 10 per cent tax on cigarettes, smoking tobacco and snuff. The tax is based on the retail price.

## MRS. L. H. HADLEY



Mrs. L. H. Hadley, wife of Representative Hadley of Washington, who was nominated without opposition to be president of the Congressional club, the exclusive official women's club of Washington, D. C.

## POSTAL SALARY BILL SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

Washington, D. C.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was signed by President Coolidge. It increases the pay of postal clerks and carriers numbering more than 200,000 by about \$320 each a year, adding about \$65,000,000 to the government payroll.

Revenue from postal rates increased by the new law will bring in an additional \$59,000,000.

A new 2-cent service charge on parcels post will raise \$13,000,000 and some rates on newspaper reading matter in the second class will be increased considerably. The rate on postal cards is increased from 1 to 2 cents, but otherwise first-class rates are unchanged.

The bill also carries a "rider" limiting campaign expenditures of congressional candidates.

Under the new law congressional candidates cannot spend more than the amount obtained by multiplying three cents by the total number of votes cast in the last general election for the office for which he is running, but in no case exceeding \$25,000 for the senate and \$5000 for the house.

A flat maximum of \$10,000 for senatorial races and \$5000 for house campaigns is set for candidates from less populous districts who would be restricted to less than these amounts by three cents a vote.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The senate called upon President Coolidge to make public the report of the federal trade commission on its investigation into gasoline prices.

Major-General James Harrison Wilson, U. S. A., retired, last of the corps commanders in the Union army during the Civil war, died at his home in Washington, D. C.

The appointment of James F. Barton of Fort Dodge, Ia., as national adjutant of the American Legion was announced by James A. Drain, national commander.

Vice President-elect Charles G. Dawes announced the selection of E. Ross Bartley, member of the Washington staff of The Associated Press, as his secretary.

The German government has sent a note to the secretary-general of the league of nations protesting against the maintenance of French troops in Saar valley.

United States Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, one of the republican leaders of the senate, died suddenly at his hotel in Washington, D. C., of what coroner J. Ramsay Nevill announced was heart disease.

## Anti-Oleo Bill Passes in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho.—The senate of the Idaho legislature passed the anti-oleo bill championed by the dairymen of this state Monday. The bill has also passed the house. The bill places a heavy license on the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and other dairy product substitutes. The license fee for manufacturers is placed at \$1600, wholesalers \$450, retailers \$50, and restaurants \$25.

## Seattle Man Gets State Job.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Hartley announced his acceptance of the resignation of Fred J. Dibble as director of licenses and the appointment of Charles R. Maybury of Seattle as his successor, effective March 14.

## Ex-Senator Clark of Montana Dead.

New York.—William Andrews Clark, ex-United States senator from Montana, died at his home here. Death was due to pneumonia. Mr. Clark was 86 years old.

## EAST IS ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

**Tremors Lasting From One to  
Five Seconds Are Felt Over  
Wide Territory.**

New York.—An earthquake, varying in a general way to a tremor of such intensity as to shake pictures from walls, Saturday night shook an area of approximately 400,000 square miles, inhabited by more than 35,000,000 people, nearly one-third of the population of the United States. The tremors lasted from one to five seconds.

The territory covered by the quake extended from Michigan to the Atlantic ocean, and from New England to the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Lower Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The quake was felt between 9:15 and 9:30. Thousands in widely scattered communities rushed from theatres and other places of amusement, or from their homes into the streets. The giant skyscrapers of New York swayed with the motion of the earth. Manhattan island, upon which these skyscrapers are built, is solid rock. Excavation is such a difficult affair that a basement for an apartment house involves blasting. But Manhattan island trembled before the force of nature. No material damage was reported as a result of the quake several hours after the first tremors were felt.

Quebec.—Three persons dead, scores of homes damaged by tremor and fire, one church collapsed and general consternation among residents of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay valleys are the known result of the earthquakes of last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

## AUTO STAGE LAW DECLARED INVALID

Washington, D. C.—A law of the state of Washington requiring common carriers running automobiles on the public highways for hire first to obtain permission for such operation from the state director of public works, was set aside by the United States supreme court as constitutionally invalid.

E. V. Kuykendall, director of public works of Washington state, refused an operating certificate in Washington to A. J. Buck. Buck brought the suit to compel the state to permit him to operate a bus line from Portland to Tacoma and Seattle. Counsel for Buck contended that the refusal of Washington to permit the bus line was an unconstitutional interference with interstate commerce.

Nineteen other states having similar laws for the regulation of bus traffic intervened in this case and filed briefs supporting the right of a state to control all traffic upon its highways, including that which had originated in other states.

## FRIEDRICH EBERT IS DEAD

**First President of German Republic Fails to Survive Operation.**

Berlin.—Friedrich Ebert, first president of the German republic, died from peritonitis which followed an operation for appendicitis.

There was probably not another leader in Germany, his enemies admitted, who could have succeeded where he did, and his death four months before the presidential election produces more confusion in a political situation already badly muddled.

Ebert started life as a saddlemaker, but years of experience as a labor organizer and official of unions, together with his wide training in practical politics developed him.

His lack of early opportunities was compensated for by the training he won in the world of affairs. He was described as no dreamy theorist, but a hard headed, tactful leader, who made a gallant fight in behalf of the German republic and the German masses under heartbreaking conditions.

## Dry Agents Free to Search Autos.

Washington, D. C.—Federal prohibition agents may lawfully stop automobiles and other vehicles and search them for contraband liquor without a warrant, the supreme court decided in a case from Michigan. In another liquor case decision, brought from Georgia, the court held that states may, under the constitution, make unlawful the possession of liquor acquired legally before enactment of the federal prohibition act.

## Bridge Over Columbia Authorized.

Washington, D. C.—The bill giving consent to the state of Washington to construct a bridge across the Columbia river at Vantage ferry was passed by the house Saturday. The senate acted favorably on the measure some time ago.

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