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WILSON UPSETS CIVIL SERVICE ORDER BY TAFT

President Revokes Rule Placing Fourth Class Postmasters in Classified List by Executive Order Requiring All to Pass Examinations.

Republicans Holding Office Must Pass Higher Than Other Applicants to Keep Their Jobs.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson this afternoon overturned former President Taft's order placing all fourth-class postmasters in the classified civil service list. This was accomplished in an executive order, requiring that henceforth all fourth-class postmasters must pass competitive examinations.

The order specifies that all fourth-class postmasters receiving more than \$180 a year hereafter must pass a civil service examination. This means that republican fourth-class postmasters must pass a higher examination than other applicants to hold their jobs. The new regulations provide that all applicants must meet qualifications for fitness provided by postal inspectors who will visit towns whenever a vacancy occurs.

Announcement to this effect was made here this afternoon by Postmaster General Barleson following a conference with President Wilson. The new measure Barleson said, complies in both letter and spirit with the civil service requirements.

Barleson holds that President Taft's order placing postmasters who have not passed examination in the classified service violates the spirit of the civil service law.

President Wilson this afternoon went to the capitol to confer with a number of senators in the president's room. He expects to discuss appointments with them and will send a batch of nominations to the senate tomorrow.

Senator Lewis of Illinois conferred with the president earlier in the day. He declared the president was now ready to take up the distribution of patronage, asserting that the weeding out of candidates was practically finished.

DEBS PROSECUTION ORDERED DROPPED

FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 7.—Acting on orders from Attorney General McKeen, the government suits against Eugene V. Debs, Fred Warren and J. T. Shepard in connection with articles printed in the Appeal to Reason, a socialist publication, were dismissed by the United States district court here today. It is six years ago today since Warren was first indicted for publishing an offer of reward to anyone who would kidnap former Governor Taylor of Kentucky from Indiana in connection with the killing of William Goebel, governor of Kentucky.

HOME RULE BILL AGAIN IN COMMONS

LONDON, May 7.—Both the Irish home rule and Welsh disestablishment bills were re-introduced in the house of commons today. There will be no debate on home rule until the bill reaches its second reading on June 6.

HERMAN WISE TO BE POSTMASTER AT ASTORIA

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson sent to the senate the following nominations: To be ambassador to Japan, George Guthrie of Pittsburg. To be registrar of the land office at North Yakima, Wash., Richard Strobach. To be postmaster at Astoria, Ore., Herman Wise.

J. S. HOWARD TO LOCATE ROAD O'ERSISKIYOUS

Pioneer Civil Engineer instructed by County Court to Locate New Highway Which Will Eliminate Steep Climbs and Toll Road.

Howard States That He Can Locate Grade Which Will Never Be Over 6 Per Cent, Mostly 2 Per Cent.

J. S. Howard, pioneer civil engineer of this section, was instructed by the county court Wednesday to proceed at once with a survey for a new wagon road over the Siskiyou mountains to the California line. The construction of this road will eliminate the present toll road over the mountains, will cut down the grade to an easy climb, and make the trip far more pleasant for tourists. The county court will make arrangements for the construction of the road later. It will be a part of the Pacific Highway.

Mr. Howard knows the Siskiyou better than any other engineer who has ever endeavored to put a road over the Siskiyou. He located a line for a railroad many years ago and engineers later pronounced it the best ever put over the mountains. He will follow this line with the new road and declares that when completed automobiles will be able to follow it at 20 miles an hour. The grade will be 2 per cent the greater part of the distance with a few 6 per cent climbs. At present some of the grades encountered range from 25 to 35 per cent.

For some time the matter of purchasing the toll road over the Siskiyou has been discussed but the price demanded was considered too high. Mr. Howard states that the new road can be constructed at less cost than it would require to purchase the toll road and place it in repair. Mr. Howard will start the survey at once.

DESTRUCTION OF FOOD TO BE MADE CRIME

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 7.—The California assembly is on record today as asserting that no man has the moral right to destroy foodstuffs while another is hungry, and that the economic buccaneer who dumps produce in the river, in order to hold up prices, shall be answerable to the public.

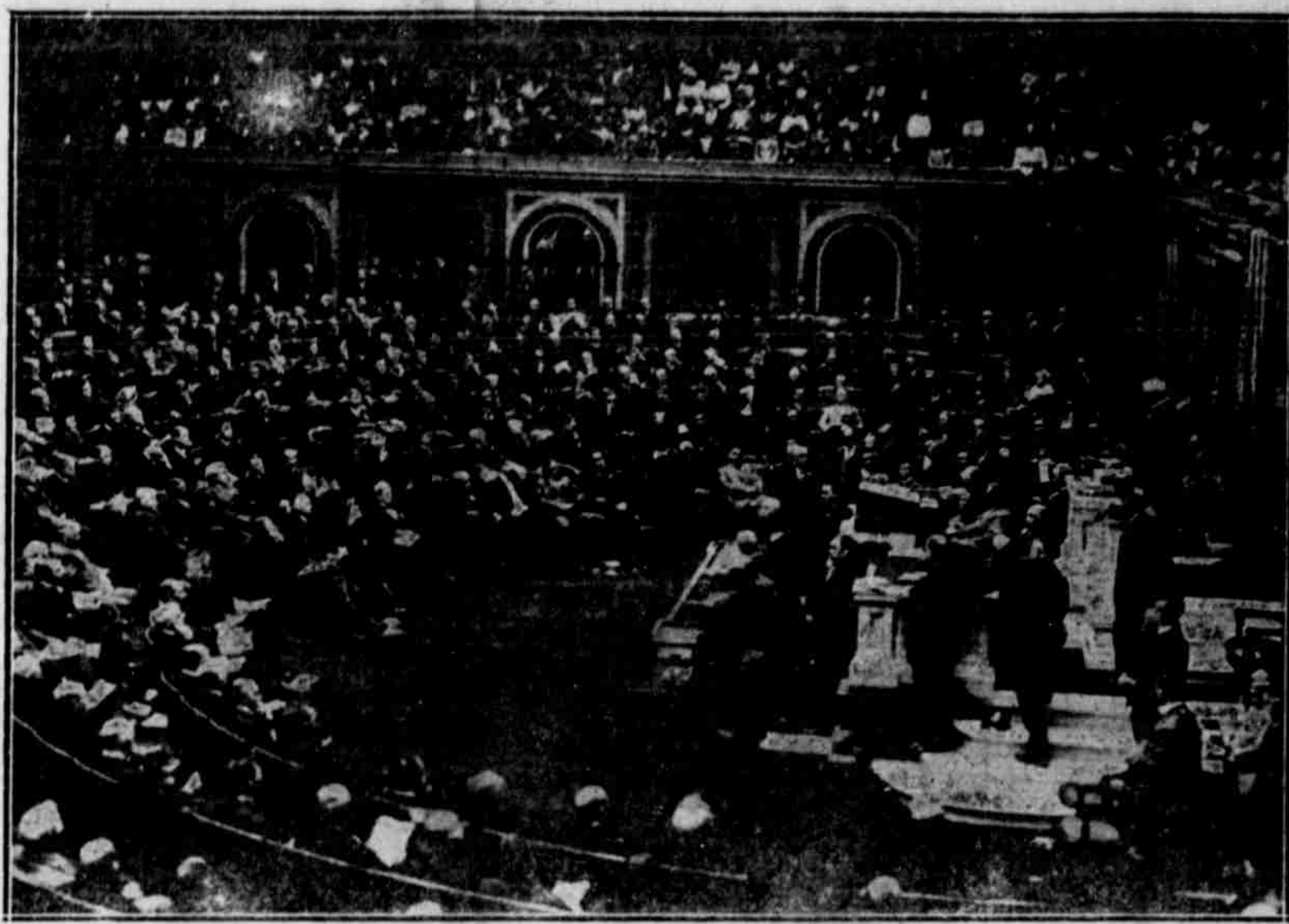
Their declaration of policy came with the passage of the Roberts bill, which plans to reduce the cost of living, and which provides a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment for violations of its provisions. The measure now goes to the senate.

TUMULTY KEEPS POLITICAL LEDGER

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The hopes and happiness of many democrats hang on the contents of a black, leather-covered loose leaf ledger that lies on the desk of Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson. There is little about the outside of the book to attract attention and were it not for the fact that the book is always taken home when Secretary Tumulty leaves for the day, knowledge of its existence would probably never have become known.

The book is indexed and today it developed that there is at least one page for every state in the Union, while some states have half a dozen. And the pages are covered with minute stenographic entries which Tumulty proudly boasts could hardly be read by anyone but himself. Within the covers are statements of the exact political situation existing in the democratic party in each of the states, names and data about job hunters and the men who, having no desire themselves for jobs, are trying to hold the veto power over

Speaker Clark Calling Congress to Order for Debate Over Underwood Tariff Bill



WHITE SLAVERY PROBERS ATTACKED BLAME INTERESTS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 7.—Charges of the gravest nature against Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara were submitted today to a special examining committee of the Illinois senate. O'Hara and another member of the senate special investigating committee, which has been probing starvation wages and prostitution, are attacked.

The charges against the lieutenant governor became public when Deputy Sheriff Sullivan of Sangamon county presented an affidavit which he refused to submit until he had been assured that the names of the affiants would not be made public.

Senator Ettelson of the special committee told the senate the affidavit contained the gravest charges, and said that the committee needed time to investigate. On this showing the senate postponed consideration of the matter.

Later O'Hara declared that he was acquainted with the contents of the affidavit and that the charges made were all perjured. He said:

"The 'interests' are hard hit as a result of the probe into white slavery and have resorted to their usual tactics when their methods of oppression are revealed. They have simply obtained perjured testimony to attack the 'starvation wages' investigating committee."

FIND SKELETONS OF ENTIRE FAMILY UNDER A HOUSE

OAKLAND, Cal., May 7.—The police here believe that an entire family, mother and five children, was wiped out by a murderous maniac, their bodies consumed by acid and then buried, on the finding today of six complete skeletons beneath an old house at 532 Seventeenth street. The skeletons were those of a woman six feet tall, and five children between the ages of four months and 16 years. The babies' bones were carefully wrapped in a well preserved piece of paper bearing the name of a Tancred business man.

The skeletons were found by Mace Cochran, who has resided in the house three months. He was cleaning the cellar at the time, when his rake uncovered a portion of a skeleton.

The house is about 30 years old and is next door to the abandoned old Swedish church under which robbers a year ago attempted to tunnel to the Bank of Commerce.

The skeletons were buried within a half foot of the surface of the ground to the east of the entrance to the basement and were mingled together, with the exception of that of the baby.

Detectives who were detailed to investigate the case believe that a crime has been committed recently, as the well preserved state of the paper in which the baby's bones were wrapped supports the theory that the bodies had not been buried long.

The police department is extending its investigation to every part of California in order to learn of the disappearance of some family who had previously occupied the house.

Following the clue of the paper which bore the name of a Tancred, Cal., business man, the police will canvass that town for a possible solution of the mystery.

SHENK AND ROSE WIN IN PRIMARIES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 7.—John Shenk and Henry Rose will oppose one another for the mayoralty of Los Angeles at the regular city election June 3. This was assured today when complete returns from yesterday's primary election showed Shenk and Rose to be the two majority candidates polling the highest vote. Job Harriman, socialist, was a close third to Rose. The vote was: Shenk, 36,381; Rose, 21,137; Harriman, 20,353.

PROFITS SHARED WITH EMPLOYES ESCAPE TAXATION

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Officials of the corporation tax division of the treasury department explained today that those corporations which maintain a contract relation with their employees to share in profits will not come under the provisions of the corporation tax law for payment of revenue on actual amounts shared with employees.

Speaking in this connection today, Chief Speer of the tax division said: "Shares of profits by corporations with their employees must not be bonus nor a voluntary distribution of profits, but a contractual relation with an employee giving the latter a legal right to demand his share."

RITCHIE TO FIGHT FOURTH OF JULY

SPokane, Wash., May 7.—Flat assurance that Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of the world, will defend his title July 4, either in California or New York, was given here today by Billy Nolan, the champion's manager.

"Willie will surely fight July 4," said Nolan. "We do not know yet who will be his opponent or where the fight will be staged. I am considering several offers from New York and California."

"New York has made a strong bid for a match between Ritchie and either Leach Cross or Packey McFarland."

COMPLETE JURY TO TRY JOHNSON FOR IMMORALITY

CHICAGO, May 7.—The actual trial of Jack Johnson, the negro prizefighter, on charges of violating the Mann white slave act, began here at 2 o'clock this afternoon with Assistant District Attorney Parkin's statement. The jury was completed and sworn in at noon.

Parkin declared in his outline of the case, that Belle Schreiber, whom Johnson is alleged to have carried from state to state for immoral purposes, or C. F. Dewoody, a white slave prober, would be called to the stand within an hour. Parkin's opening statement was very brief.

Yank Kenny, who trained Johnson for his Reno fight with Jeffries and who split with the negro over financial matters, is still missing today, and the police fear he has been murdered. Kenny was to have been one of the government's most important witnesses.

Angered by newspaper stories that efforts have been made to tamper with the jury, Judge Carpenter announced today that he intended to hold to strict accountability all newspapers covering the trial and that he would not tolerate misleading reports. The court room is under close guard to bar all but persons entitled to admission from entering.

THIRTY GUESTS CARRIED FROM BURNING HOTEL

ONTARIO, Cal., May 7.—Trapped in the second story of the Dark hotel which burned early today, 30 guests were carried down ladders to safety by Frank Baker, manager of the hotel, and other employees.

INCOME TAX IN TARIFF DEBATED

WASHINGTON, May 7.—With consideration of the income tax paragraph concluded, the house began today a long debate on the administrative features of the Underwood tariff bill. The debate included a renewal of the fight for authorization of a tariff commission.

Other proposals debated included authorizing the president to negotiate reciprocal trade treaties with foreign countries, taxing Philippine imports, exempting exports to Porto Rico; providing retaliatory duties against merchandise from countries which tax similar merchandise from the United States, and permitting a rebate of 10 per cent on merchandise imported in American vessels.

The only important income tax changes were: To exempt re-insurance reserves of mutual fire insurance companies and exempt payments to beneficiaries of life insurance policies of matured proceeds before reinvestment.

Efforts to reduce the minimum income taxable failed.

The house minority proposed to demand separate roll calls on many features of the bill, but Majority Leader Underwood insists that the passage of the bill tomorrow is certain.

The house this afternoon defeated a republican income tax amendment exempting all mutual insurance companies without capital stock and stockholders or share holders. The vote was 68 to 108.

Representative Berland of Missouri criticized the big mutual life insurance companies.

OIL MACADAM PAVEMENT TO LEAD TO SUIT

E. A. Welsh, Property Owner, Says He Will Make Fight in Courts Against Laying of Oil Macadam on Cottage Street.

Says He Wants to Pay for a "Real" Pavement and Not for Work Which Will Have to Be Done Again.

That the oil macadam pavement laid on Taylor street is far from satisfactory and that he does not propose to have it laid on Cottage street where his property faces if an injunction can be obtained to stop it, the declaration of E. A. Welsh today. Mr. Welsh has retained Porter J. Neff to bring suit to restrain the city from granting the contractors, Schell & Schell, a contract for the work on Cottage street, and falling in this will bring a suit to prevent a collection of the amount to be assessed against the property.

Pavement a Joke.

Mr. Welsh charges that the oil macadam pavement is a "joke," declaring that he can take an ordinary match anywhere and dig through the wearing surface. An examination of Taylor street seems to bear his statement out as the wearing surface of the street is very soft and seems to creep, rut and become uneven easily. Flushing has not been practiced and Mr. Welsh states that in front of his property he wants a pavement "you can wash."

Has Reason to Kick. "I have a reason to kick," states Mr. Welsh. "When the council decided to grant Schell & Schell a contract to pave Taylor street, which bounds my property on the south, I made no protest, as I wanted to know first what I was talking about before I complained. Now I know and I do not want a pavement which will have to be replaced within two years, and which is entirely unsatisfactory at any time. It is really a joke as a pavement."

"I have nothing against Schell & Schell. I am kicking about the pavement. Neither am I pulling for any other contractors. What I want is a pavement that will stay there."

Letting of Contract Queer. "The course of the city council in

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SEEK SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF GRAFTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 7.—Search was begun here today for an alleged subscription list started by Italian bunco man for the widow of "Danny," a gambler who was murdered in Portland, to which, it is said, San Francisco policemen placed their names for various amounts. Michael Gallo told District Attorney Fickert today of the existence of such a list, but knew nothing as to its present whereabouts.

Gallo reiterated today his charges that bunco men operated in Oakland with the knowledge of the Oakland police. He said he had no charges to make against Chief of Police Peterson of Oakland but that if the proper inducements were offered he would show that certain members of the Oakland police worked in conjunction with the swindlers.

TO QUIZ FISHER ON ALASKAN ENTRIES

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The senate committee on territories was prepared today to question former Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher when he appeared at the Alaskan railroad hearings this afternoon why Alaskan coal claims should not be patented to private interests under the law of 1908. Senator Welsh of Montana intends to ask Fisher why he advised former President Taft to suspend the operation of the law.