

# OLD GUARD OF G. O. P. SLIGHTED IN ASSIGNMENTS

**Veteran Republicans Not Returned to Old Committees by Leader Mann—Uncle Joe Put Sixth on List When Formerly Chairman—Parker and Foss Left off Committees Entirely.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Assignment of republican and progressive representatives to committees announced today by Republican Leader Mann discloses that veteran republican members elected to the present congress after having been defeated in the presidential year of 1912, will not be returned, in several instances, to important committees on which they had held membership before.

In other instances, returning representatives assigned to such committees are not allowed to displace in rank members who served last year.

**Uncle Joe Slighted**  
Representative Cannon of Illinois, for many years speaker, is given sixth place on the appropriations committee. Years ago he was chairman of this committee. The other new members are Stafford of Wisconsin, Slomp of Virginia, Gillet of Massachusetts remains the ranking member.

Representatives Parker of New Jersey, one time chairman of the judiciary committee, and Sterling of Illinois, also lose a member of that committee, are not returned to that committee, nor is Foss of Illinois put back on the naval committee, of which he was formerly chairman.

Minority members of the naval and military committees which will deal with national defense problems are:

**Naval and Military**  
Naval—Buttler of Pennsylvania, Roberts, Massachusetts; Browning, New Jersey; Farr, Pennsylvania; Britten, Illinois; Kelley, Michigan, and Stephens, California. Representatives reappointed: Stevens, progressive, and Mudd, Maryland, a new member.

**Military**—Kalan, California; Anthony, Kansas; McKenzie, Illinois; Greene, Vermont; Morin, Pennsylvania; Tilson, Connecticut; Crago, Pennsylvania; Hull, Iowa, and Delegate Wickersham of Alaska. Messrs. Tilson, Crago and Hull are new members.

New republicans on the ways and means committee are: Representatives Hull, Connecticut; Longworth, Ohio, and Fairchild, New York.

**All for Preparedness**  
Representative Cooper of Wisconsin is retained as ranking republican on the foreign affairs committee, the republican members being: Foss of Illinois; Miller, Minnesota; Mott, New York, and Kennedy, Rhode Island.

All of the minority members of the military and naval committees are for some degree of preparedness. It thus appears likely that the preparedness bills will not rest long in committees, and that the big fight on the floor will come early in the session.

# EUROPE DEMANDS AMERICAN COAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Demand for American coal by the French government is becoming so urgent and the shortage for steamships for its transportation so acute that coal dealers here say France may be compelled long to establish a government fleet of steamers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes sixty million tons of coal a year, about half of which she hitherto obtained from Germany, Belgium and England. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated.

Exporters here say that not only France but most of the European and many South American nations are turning to this country for coal.

# THREE BURNED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO ROOMING HOUSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Two men and one woman were burned to death and a score of other persons injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story rooming house at No. 55 East Grand avenue early today.

Dwellers in the rooming house, trapped in their rooms when the flames cut off the exits, jumped from windows and sustained serious injuries.

# COILS TIGHTEN ABOUT GERMAN MUNITION PLOTTERS



Baron Wilhelm Von Brincken, at tache of the German consulate at San Francisco, regarded as one of the highrups by the government in the bomb plot probe.

# INDICTMENTS FOR GERMAN PLOTTERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Possession of evidence by the government in the alleged German bomb plots, which federal officials declared to be "the most vital to the case of any yet discovered," became known today through the detailed report of testimony alleged to have been given by Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, now in Canada.

Van Koolbergen, it was learned, was the corroborating witness upon whom the government depended to a considerable degree to support definitely indictments returned yesterday by the grand jury against Baron George Wilhelm Von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, an admitted agent of the German consulate, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's agent. Each was charged with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce with the allies and with using the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder. They were to be arraigned today.

Van Koolbergen, according to reports, was alleged to have represented to agents of the department of justice that Von Brincken, whom he knew during the Boer war, hired him to make clock-work bombs in thermos bottles at \$100 a bomb with a bonus for each ship destroyed.

# G.O.P. CONVENTION SLATED JUNE 7: CITY NOT CHOSEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The republican national committee decided today to hold the 1916 republican national convention on June 7. The place will be selected later. A proposal to hold the convention later in June was defeated by a vote of 37 to 13.

The committee decided it would give a hearing to suffrage and anti-suffrage leaders after hearing claims of the various cities seeking the convention.

The committee took a recess for luncheon without deciding on the convention city. A vote probably will not be taken on this until late today.

The committee defeated a proposal by William Barnes of New York that the temporary chairman of the convention be selected and his name made public before March 1, deciding to allow the committee to name the temporary chairman when it sees fit.

# AUSTRIAN EMPEROR REPORTED PARALYZED

PARIS, Dec. 14.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Matin. He says it is understood in Rome this report was taken to the vatican by Cardinal Von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, who recently went to Rome for the consistory.

According to this report, the emperor is able to sign no state papers and a special stamp will be for use in his presence by his private secretary.

# FIRE DESTROYS HOME NEAR BELLEVUE SCHOOLHOUSE

ASHLAND, Dec. 14.—Fire Monday afternoon completely destroyed the residence of Frank N. Snyder, near Bellevue schoolhouse, outside of the city limits. Cause, a defective flue. A portion of the household goods was saved. The wall on the place was exhausted in fighting the flames before help arrived. City firemen went to the scene, but got there too late, being handicapped by lack of water. The house was a large and substantial one. There is said to be no insurance.

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And make life's hard spots mellow.  
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Come, be a right Goodfellow.

The Christmas spirit is the spirit of giving. The sense of doing something for somebody else to whom we want to give pleasure.

# Our Part of It

As dealers in merchandise for men is to provide practical gifts, things that men want to receive.  
You'll find a big selection here for men and young men, things to wear mostly.  
We try to make gift-giving easy for you.

# HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS

- Bath Robes ..... \$5.00 to \$12.50
- Smoking Jackets ..... \$5.00 to \$12.50
- Pajamas ..... \$1.50 to \$5.00
- Night Robes ..... 75c to \$3.00
- Sweaters, all styles and colors..... \$3.00 to \$10.00
- Myflers ..... 50c to \$2.50
- Handkerchiefs, silk and linen,..... 25c to \$1.50
- Silk Neckwear ..... 25c to \$2.00
- Hosiery, Silk and Cotton ..... 25c to \$1.50
- Fancy Suspenders ..... 50c to \$1.50



- Bags and Suit Cases..... \$2.50 to \$20.00
- Trunks at ..... \$8.00 to \$20.00
- Collar Bags..... \$1.00 to \$3.00
- Handkerchief Cases..... \$1.00 to \$2.50
- Tie Rings..... \$1.00 to \$2.50
- Jewel Cases ..... \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Cuff Links ..... 50c to \$2.00
- Link Sets ..... \$1.50 to \$3.00
- Umbrellas ..... \$1.50 to \$10.00
- Fancy Vests..... \$1.50 to \$5.00
- Pennants at ..... 50c to \$1.00

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# Suggestions for Christmas

# Xmas Gifts That Will Bring Happiness

# DAINTY GIFT UNDERMUSLINS

Envelope Chemise, of very fine nainsook, with inserts of dainty lace and embroidered, medallions hand embroidered. Price \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Night Goods — hand-embroidered on fine, soft nainsook, scalloped edge or lace trim, all new, fresh goods for holiday trade. Price, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

# \$3.00 LINEN NAPKINS \$2.50

All-Linen Napkins, in 22x22 inch size, several attractive patterns, usual \$3.00 grade, on sale, per dozen, at \$2.50

# SURELY A CHRISTMAS GLOVE

Women's Gloves from the best makers, Fowne's finest kid and best workmanship, comes in black, white, assorted brown and new grays, made with two-clasp, all sizes, special price \$1.50

Cape Glove, made with heavy over-seam, all sizes, regular \$1.25 glove for only 98c

Children's Mittens, have heavy flannel lining and black fur trimming, extra good quality, 50c and 65c.

# RIBBONS—RIBBONS EVERYWHERE

Wonderful effects of them—frocks, girdles, cravats, sashes and bodices, the best values shown this season—here they are for holiday sewing—all reduced prices, per yard, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

# CRISP LITTLE APRONS Make Dainty Holiday Gifts

The largest assortment of useful and dainty Aprons shown in many Christmasases now here for your showing.

Small Bib Aprons, of lawn or dotted Swiss, embroidery or lace edged and very dainty.

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35c Aprons at 27c  
45c Aprons at 36c  
59c Aprons at 47c  
75c Aprons at 59c  
85c Aprons at 67c  
\$1.00 Aprons at 73c

# CORSET COVERS

Of very fine nainsook, embroidery and lace trimmed, all new spring styles, at 35c, 50c, 75c each.

# AN ARRAY OF UNUSUAL HANDKERCHIEFS

Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs, of Shamrock lawn and pure linen, hand embroidered, four in box, any pattern ..... \$1.00

Ladies' Colored borders Shamrock lawn, assorted colors, French embroidery, 17c; 3 for 50c.

Ladies' All-Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, with perfect hem..... 10c

Children's Hdks. in boxes, 15c, 25c and 50c.

Gentlemen's All-Linen Initial or Plain Hemmed Handkerchiefs, extra fine quality ..... 25c

# NEW SILK HOSE FOR XMAS

Our special M. F. Pure Silk Thread Hose for ladies, has lisle garter top, double lisle heel and toe, black, white and colors, special..... 50c

Kayser's Silk Hose, very best quality to buy, black, white and colors, black and white, also come in out-size, price, per pair..... \$1.00

Men's Silk Sox, extra quality..... 50c

Infants' Silk and Wool Sox, white or black, sizes 4 1/2 to 6 1/2, 3 pairs in box ..... \$1.00

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