CLAIMS CLASH ON SPEAKERSHIP

Gillett and Mann Backers Equally Confident of Victory Tonight

CAMPBELL DARK HORSE

Active Attention Paid by Campaign Managers to New Members-Elect

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 27. — Republican members-elect of the next House of Representatives gathered here today from all parts of the country for the conference tonight with the re-elected Republican members to nominate a candidate for Speaker. Despite the confident statements of the rival campaign managers in the three-cornered fight for the Speakership, it was evident from the active attention showered on the first-term men that nothing was being left undone to win their votes.

The three candidates for the nomination, which is virtually the election, as only a split in the Republican ranks would enable the Democrats to organize the next House of Representatives, are:

Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, ranking Republican member of the Appropriations Committee.

James R. Mann, of Illinois, Republican floor leader.

Philip Campbell, Kansas, ranking Republican of the rules committee.

Managers of the Gillett and Mann campaigns each claimed the victory of their favorite, perhaps on the first ballot. Supporters of Mr. Campbell, an eleventh-hour entrant in the contest, predicted their favorite would win the nomination as a compromise candidate.

"Mr. Gillett will receive 140 votes, twenty more than enough to elect," said Representative Winslow, of Massachusetts, campaign manager for the New England candidate.

"Representative Gillett can claim 140 votes, but Mr. Mann will get 130 on the first ballot," asserted Representative Madden, of Illinois, manager of the floor leader's campaign.

"Representative Campbell will get twenty-five, maybe as many as forty on the first ballot," said Representative Anthony, manager of the Kansan's campaign. "The newly elected members are coming to his support, and it would not be a surprise for him to get the office as a compromise."

The Republicans will have 240 members in the next House.

IRISH MEMORIAL ACCEPTED

British and American Peace Delegates Answer Hearing Request

Dublin, Feb. 27.—The first acknowledgement of the memorial to the peace delegates concerning the recognition of "the provisional government" of Ireland, has been received from the American delegation, says Sean O'Cealligh in an interview forwarded from Paris to the Dublin Evening Telegraph.

O'Cealligh is quoted as denying any desire to embarrass President Wilson, and recalls that the freedom of Dublin was voted to the President unanimously by the corporation. He said he expected his mission would be the subject of an interpellation in the French chamber by a deputy in sympathy with the Irish cause.

JUGO-SLAVS ASK ALLIED AID

Protest Alleges Mistreatment on the Part of Italian Soldiers

Washington, Feb. 27.—The Jugo-Slav government has requested the commander-in-chief of the Allied troops at Fiume to protest to the Italian military authorities against alleged mistreatment of Jugo-Slav residents of that city by Italian soldiers. The official information bureau of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes made public a dispatch from Belgrade saying that such mistreatment had caused an armed clash in Fiume between Italian and Serbian troops, in which a Serbian major was seriously wounded.

"REDS" MENACE RUMANIA

Balkan State Remobilizes Army to Meet Bolsheviki

Paris, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—J. H. Baker, of Troy, N. Y., representing the supreme council in matters of food and relief, has returned to Paris from a tour of Rumania and Serbia. He says the Rumanian army, numbering 200,000, which had been partly demobilized, is being remobilized hastily to meet Bolshevik attacks along the border between Bessarabia and the Ukraine, where the Bolsheviki are massing troops. The Rumanians fear these forces will become active with the opening of spring.

Baker reports there is extreme suffering in Rumania owing to the lack of food and clothing. Thousands of women and children, he declares, are compelled to walk barefooted in the snow.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN TO BE USED ONLY IN U. S.

Restrictions for Expenditure of Credits Established Here for Allies Made to Prevent Competition With American Business and Industry Through New Bond Issue

Every dollar raised in the Victory Liberty Loan, to be offered late in April, will be spent in America or will be paid to citizens of the United States, according to a statement issued today by John H. Mason, director of the war loan organization.

"With the exception of the relatively small proportion of the loan to be used for paying our soldiers in the American army of occupation," said Mr. Mason, "all money to be raised will be spent in this country. Moreover, its expenditure is so surrounded with restrictions in the report submitted to the House that it must be spent in such a way as to be of benefit to the United States and citizens.

"These restrictions are clearly set forth in the report of the Ways and Means Committee on the $7,000,000,000 bond bill. It should be noted that no authority is conferred in the bill to make loans to our Allies or any other foreign governments.

"Instead, the committee has provided for the financial needs of our co-belligerents by authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, to establish credits with the United States for any foreign governments now engaged in war with the enemies of the United States, and that only until eighteen months after the termination of the present war.

"These credits may be established only for the purpose of providing for purchases of property in France, owned directly or indirectly and not needed by the United States, or of any wheat the price of which has been or may be guaranteed by our government.

"In other words, the United States is preparing to say to its Allies that if they expect this nation to finance their after-war needs they must agree to spend all funds advanced to them with our citizens and business firms.

"American business men have always met with sharp competition from our Allies in many fields of foreign trade. The restrictions for the expenditure of credits established here for our Allies were made with this fact in mind—to prevent the expenditure of other nations of American money in competition with American business and industry.

"As I see it, if we are awake to our opportunities, we should take our proper place in the face-front of international finance, now and for many years to come."

ESTHONIANS ROUT REDS

Heavy Losses Inflicted on Bolsheviki in Severe Fighting

Stockholm, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—An official statement issued by the Esthonian army headquarters reports severe fighting near Narva, Pakov, Volmar and Salisburg and claims that the Esthonians have repulsed the Bolsheviki, inflicting serious losses in killed and wounded. The statement describes the fighting in the direction of Salisburg as violent and declared that large forces were engaged.

A telegram received here from Petrograd says that Bolsheviki newspapers commenting anxiously upon the reverses sustained in the fighting against the Esthonians ascribe the Bolsheviki defeats to fatigue, inferior supplies and poor transportation. Arrivals from Libau say that 8000 well equipped German volunteer troops have arrived at Libau by sea and are commanded by General von Der Goltz. They declare that the Bolsheviki on the Baltic front are weakening and that their organization appears to be near collapse.

FIND MOTHER SUICIDE

Children Returning From Church See Body Hanging From Rafters

Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—Returning from a church entertainment last evening, children of Mrs. Ida M. Deitrich found the body of their mother hanging from the rafters in the loft of the barn, a suicide. Mrs. Deitrich was thirty-two years old, the wife of Levi Deitrich, a well-known farmer, three miles west of Gibraltar, Robeson township.

SLOVAK UNION BACKS LEAGUE

Convention at Reading Indorses Independence of Czecho-Slovakia

Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Delegates to the American Slovak Union, holding its national convention in this city, today expressed themselves unanimously in favor of a league of nations.

They indorsed the independence of the Czecho-Slovak nation and praised the attitude of the United States, this country having already made two loans to the Czech-Slovaks. Cordial greetings were sent to the new republic. The union is well known throughout the United States and has a membership of 25,000.

John Shigo, of Freeland, treasurer, reported a balance of $600,000 in the treasury. During the last year $425,000 was paid out in death claims.

MISS LAUDER WEDS PILOT

Steel King's Daughter Marries a Fishing Guide Secretly

Miami, Fla., Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Miss Elizabeth Lauder, daughter of George Lauder, a wealthy Pittsburgh steel manufacturer, was married on January 15 to Medford R. Kellum, a local fishing guide and pilot, it was learned here today after the couple had left on a sixty-day's yachting cruise among the lower Florida keys. The ceremony was performed by a notary public and Mr. Lauder did not learn of the wedding until today.

Mr. Lauder is a cousin and former business associate of Andrew Carnegie.

ARMY WILL HAVE BIG BARGAIN SALE

Surplus Material in France Soon Put on "Cheap" Counter

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Railroads, Horses and Other Things to Go to Highest Bidder

By the Associated Press

Paris, Feb. 27.—All superfluous material of the American expeditionary forces now stored in vast warehouses throughout France will be bargained off to Europeans, provided it is found cheaper to dispose of it here than to transport it to the United States. This announcement was made by the United States Liquidation Commission, which began conferences yesterday to determine what disposition should be made of the equipment.

The commission is composed of Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire; Homer H. Johnson, of Cleveland, O.; General Charles G. Dawes and Judge Edwin B. Parker, of Houston, Tex. Judge Parker has not arrived yet.

"We will get the best prices we possibly can for all materials," said Senator Hollis to the Associated Press. "There is much equipment of the United States army which Europe needs, and which we shall be glad if they buy. Our railroad equipment in rails, locomotives and cars is immense. France, Belgium, Rumania and other belligerents and some neutrals are in the market for this material.

"Our purpose is to derive the best bargain and conserve the values for American materials on this side. If we see that the material can be shipped home to greater advantage than sold here, we will keep it. It is a business proposition for our government."

SAXONY ELECTS PRESIDENT

Julius Frassdorf Chosen Head of "Free State"

Basel, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—The new Chamber of Deputies of the "Free state of Saxony" met Tuesday and elected Julius Frassdorf, a Majority Socialist, as president, according to a dispatch from Dresden.

Doctor Diestel, a German Democrat, was named first vice president and Deputy Lipinsky, an Independent Socialist, second vice president.

Julius Frassdorf formerly was vice president of the Chamber of Deputies of Saxony. He has been a prominent labor leader and served in the Reichstag from 1903 to 1906.

TO CONTINUE CAMP LEE

Cantonment Will Be Retained as Demobilization Center

Camp Lee, Va., Feb. 27.—Orders have been received at camp headquarters which say definitely Camp Lee will be continued as a demobilizing center. The camp organizations are now reduced almost to the smallest size possible without decreasing the efficiency of necessary work. The most recent reduction was in the provost guard company, which has released 200 out of 400.

The number of Distinguished Service Crosses and Croix de Guerre among the colored soldiers returning from France to this cantonment for discharge proves the bravery of the colored soldiers of Uncle Sam's army. The 307th Infantry, Ninety-third Division, had a large detachment here this week and medals and crosses were numerous.

I COMPENSI DI GUERRA RICHIESTI DALL'ITALIA

L'Austria Paghera' in Materia un Terzo Delle Indemnita' Dovute

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Londra, 26 febbraio.—Uno speciale dispaccio al London Daily News, datato 20 febbraio, dice che le indennita' di guerra che l'Italia reclama dall'Austria sono state approssimativamente calcolate a seicento milioni di lire (?) (il telegramma aggiunge tre migliardi di dollari). Dato il dubbio che l'Austria possa far fronte a tale pagamento, il Governo Italiano averebbe pensato a ricorrere ad un possibile rimedio per compensarsi e cioe' accettando speciali concessioni sopra le risorse naturali del paese.

In tale modo un terzo dell'indennita, di guerra reclamata dall'Italia verrebbe dall'Austria corrisposta in materia, come ad esempio la cessione all'Italia di 8,000,000 di metri cubi di legname da costruzione da essere esportato entro il periodo di cinque anni.

Un dispaccio oggi giunto alla "Central News "di Basilea annunzia che un attentato e' stato commesso contro il Re Ferdinando di Rumenia.

Il Re sarebbe stato colpito alla faccia ed a un braccio da un rivoluzionario, durante gravissimi tumulti che si sono verificati in Bucarest.

La notizia che la Regina di Rumenia sia fuggita da Bucarest, per timore di essere ucciso, e' stata confermata.

Roma, 27 febbraio.—E' stato ieri annunziato che il Vescovo Ausiliario Hayes e' stato nominato Arcivescovo per la citta' di New York.

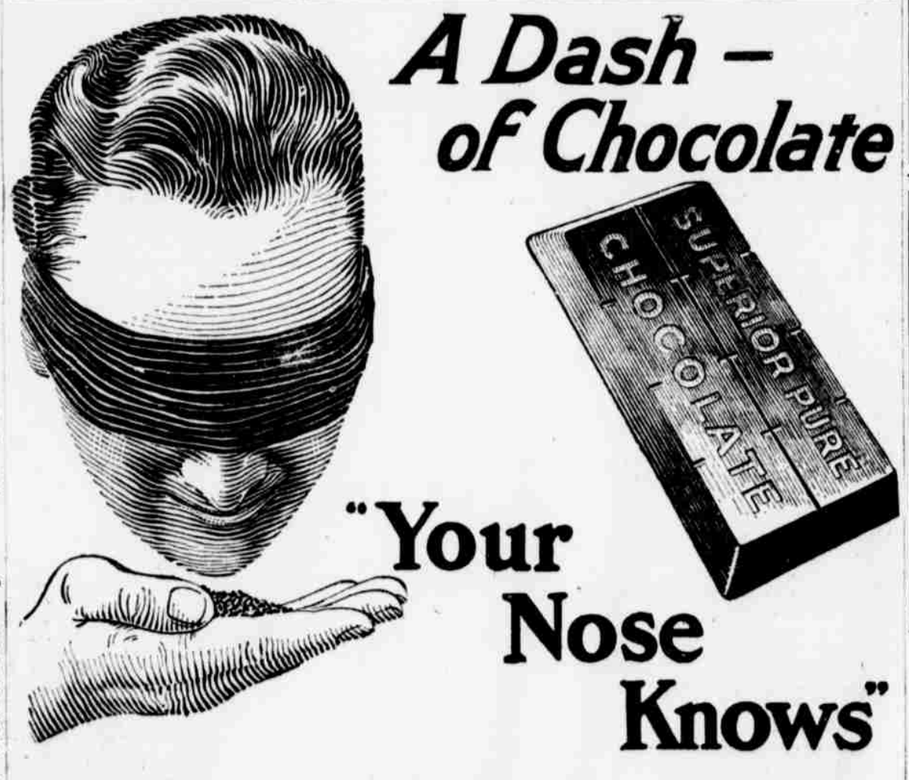
Il Rev. Patrick J. Hayes e' nato in New York il 20 novembre 1867 ed ha percio' raggiunto il 52mo. anno di eta'. Da tempo circolavano voci secondo le quali il prelato sarebbe stato nominato al posto del defunto Cardinale Farley e si dice che la sua nomina e' bene accetta nella Diocesi di New York.

Il "Giornale d'Italia" pubblica un lungo articolo a proposito delle richieste italiane e delle assurde ed ingiustificate pretese dei jugo-slavi.

L'articolista, dopo aver sommariamente esaminate e discusse le ragioni che avvalorano le richieste dell'Italia, dice che i Delegati Italiani alla Conferenza della Pace potranno contare sull'intero ed incondizionato appoggio di tutta la Nazione, la quale vuole che la pace sia degna della vittoria.

Washington, Dc., 27 febbraio.—Il Governo Jugo-Slavo ha richiesto il comandante in capo della truppe Alleate in Fiume di protestare presso le autorita' militari italiane contro il maltrattamento dei residenti jugo-slavi in detta citta', da parte dei soldati italiani. Informazioni giunte all'Ufficio Serbo-Croato-Sloveno in Washington, rese pubbliche in seguito ad un dispaccio ufficiale da Belgrado, dicono che tali maltrattamenti hanno causato uno scontro armato tra truppe italiane e serbe in Fiume, durante il quale un maggiore serbo e' stato gravemente ferito.

(Il telegramma di cui sopra proviene dalla solita fucina croata in Washington, da dove si dirige la campagna denigratoria e stolta, attraverso gli Stati Uniti, a danno dell'Italia.)



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