

NO MORE MAYOR JOB FOR THOMAS B. SMITH

Executive, on Vacation, Just Won't Talk—"No, Sir," He's Entitled to Rest

"HM!" TO MACLAUGHLIN

Mayor's Bright Comment on Important Questions

"I am Thomas B. Smith on his vacation and I will not be interviewed."
 "Hm! Ah! Hum!"
 "Nothing to say."
 "I won't be interviewed."
 "You better go home—hurry or you'll miss the last train."

By a Staff Correspondent
 Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, Aug. 29.—Mayor Smith wouldn't have his job for another term if it were handed to him on a plate.

He said this today at a hotel where he is keeping away from the political turmoil in Philadelphia. While the factions are hitting each other verbally, the Mayor is leisurely hitting the golf balls.

He declined to say anything about contract methods at City Hall. He refused to say one word which would throw any light on the charges of contract manipulation made by Director MacLaughlin, of the Department of Supplies.

"I am Thomas B. Smith on his vacation," said the Mayor, "and I will not be interviewed. I cannot understand how any one wants my job," he added.

The Mayor was greeted on the steps of the inn as he returned from a motor ride through the picturesque surrounding country. He wore a tweed suit, a cap rakishly on one side and a smile, which turned into a scowl when he was met by a reporter.

"How do you do. I won't talk about anything, no matter what it is, you better hurry or you'll miss the last train," said Mr. Smith, cordially, as the reporter started a marathon conversation.

Director MacLaughlin says that contractors who bid too low are saved from loss by political pull," the Mayor was told. "Is it true?"

"Hm! Ah! Hum!" muttered the Mayor.

"Nothing to say,"

He was then told of the statement of Director MacLaughlin that he was ordered by Senator Vare to give a fire hose contract to M. I. Crane, although the Goodrich Company was the lowest bidder.

"Nothing to say," replied the Mayor. "Is it true that these facts were reported to you?" the Mayor was asked, "and you stood by MacLaughlin?" He said you did.

For a moment Mr. Smith looked as though he intended to reply, but he quickly recovered and again said, "I am on my vacation."

He reached the porch of the inn and made for the door.

"I won't be interviewed," he stormed. Many guests heard him. They couldn't help it.

"I am entitled to a rest," he added as he removed his cap and twirled it nervously.

"The director is going to tell the people all about the contract conditions at City Hall," Mr. Smith was informed. "Are you prepared to meet his assertions?"

"Your questions are useless," said the Mayor.

"Is it true as Director MacLaughlin says that there have been many battles because politicians tried to land work for favored contractors?" was the next question.

"You better go home," said Mayor Smith.

"Will you not say a single word which will place the blame where it belongs and let the people see whom they should vote for to get good government?"

"I'm entitled to a vacation."

"Will you do anything during the

Mayor Just "Comments" on Moore's Charges

Mayor Smith made brief comment today on the charges of Congressman Moore.

Mr. Moore said the Mayor, through his bonding company, profited to the amount of \$25,000 on subway contracts and "there were still greater profits in sight."

At Shawnee-on-the-Delaware the Mayor said today:

"I am not responsible for the statements or mis-statements of Congressman Moore. He seems to know more about my business and every one's else business than he does about his own."

remaining months of your administration toward stopping rent profiteering?"

A scowl spoke volumes.

The scene shifted to the dining room. The Mayor had just returned from Mount Nittub, near Seipoc Grove. Enter the Mayor all Tussocked from head to foot and almost smiling. The ice in his attitude had thawed considerably.

Before he reached his consume the reporter met him accidentally.

"Congressman Moore asserts that during your administration contractor control reached its highest point," he was told.

STOOD IN CANOE; THREE DIED

Mystery Veils Drowning of Vacationists in Long Island Sound

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—Two women and a man were drowned and a third woman was snatched from death in Long Island sound late yesterday following the capsizing of a canoe off Bradley Point, between Woodmont and this city. The dead man is John Knight, thirty-seven, a railroad clerk of New Haven, who was spending a vacation at Woodmont.

Mrs. Gustave Goebel, of this city, who was rescued, is in the New Haven hospital in a dangerous condition. Three fishermen discovered her floating face upward off Bradley Point, with her arms clasped around a canoe paddle. According to the fishermen, she was unconscious, but they observed signs of life after pulling her into their motorboat, and when they reached shore she was rushed to the hospital.

Several hours later at the hospital she was able to give very little information as to the accident. She mentioned a few words about "standing up in the canoe to watch a motorboat."

CALL ISSUED TO REGISTER

Robert Grier Urges "Second Attack Against Vore Machine"

stirring call for another heavy registration next Tuesday, to back up the record-breaking total of more than 186,000 which was rolled up last Tuesday, was sent out today by Robert Grier, chairman of the registration committee of the Moore Republican campaign committee.

Grier urged voters to rally to a "second attack against the tottering Vore machine." As a reminder of the importance of registration, the Moore committee has mailed 100,000 cards to voters at their residences.

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SUBWAY GAVE MAYOR \$25,000, SAYS MOORE

Independent Candidate Charges That Smith Got Premiums on Bonding Contracts

BIG ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN

Mayor Smith's premiums on bonding subway contracts amounted to \$25,000.

This is the charge made by Congressman Moore, independent candidate for the mayoralty nomination.

"People who want to see the city do big things, said Mr. Moore, in referring to the subway operations, "do not want the contractors to get their contracts from the Mayor and then have the Mayor get premiums from the bonds on the contracts."

Contractors and their connection with the Mayor through the bonding business, the independent candidate declared, would continue to be the big issue of the campaign up to the close of the primary on September 16.

Wilson in Crisis; Seeks Old Advisers

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and powerful policy tending to create a labor party.

Gompers Wilson's Favorite

The unsuccessfull effort of Messrs. Plumb and Stone to drive Mr. Wilson was a sharp departure from the Gompers policy. Its failure, at least its temporary failure, may operate to benefit Mr. Gompers, who may point to the greater advantage of his conciliatory method. But even if Gompers is forced to go over to the radical side of labor he will still probably be the favorite of the administration in dealing with labor.

It will be recognized that Gompers is a radical in spite of himself. The President will prefer that kind of radical to one who is so by conviction and temperament. At any rate, it may be said confidently that the administration counts upon Mr. Gompers as an adviser or at least a line of approach in dealing with labor.

A weakness of the President in the present crisis is that, he has no advisers constantly at his elbow in Wash-

McAdoo and Baruch are away in New York

Hoover is in Europe, Judge Brandeis has been abroad, but is returning and presumably will play an important role in straightening out the relations of capital and labor.

House Not Great Man

Colonel House, as explained in this correspondence, has largely lost the confidence of the President. The Texas colonel, although the most famous, was by no means the ablest or strongest of the President's advisers. House is not a big man. He is a shrewd, active, small man, a country politician, with an extraordinary capacity to absorb the other man's point of view and too great a tendency to yield to it, if the present judgment of Washington is just. He was a "fixer," hardly an adviser at all, but he had a strong fund of common sense and moderation, and contributed to the President's compromises.

McAdoo, Baruch, Hoover, Brandeis are all bigger and more courageous men than the Texas colonel. Their inclination is rather to fight than to compromise. The loss of McAdoo in particular is especially felt by the President now. There is no one among his present advisers so able to cope with a great crisis as the former secretary of the treasury. The present secretary of the treasury to whom, naturally, the President turns in this emergency is a man of much smaller stature than his predecessor.

Attorney General Palmer is hardly a Hoover, and Mr. Colver, of the federal trade commission, is certainly not another Baruch. As to political advisers, the President's better off. Senator Hitchcock is a great improvement upon Postmaster general Burleson, Mr. Hitchcock has courage and independence and forced recognition from the President by those qualities. He has also a common sense. He is distinctly the most forceful and best of the present advisers. But the President by calling in Mr. Baruch and Mr. McAdoo is strengthening his hand.

Burleson Loses Influence

Like Colonel House, his friend and protégé, Postmaster General Burleson has lost his influence with President Wilson.

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cratic national committee, Homer Cummings, has failed to have Burleson dropped from the President's cabinet.

reasons to be retained, but he ceases to be political representative of Mr. Wilson, and he is stripped of final authority by the President in important matters within his own department.

The attack upon Burleson was delivered when Homer Cummings and various Democratic leaders called upon the President a fortnight ago to tell him of the public discontent with the present administration. One of the objects of that visit was to procure the dismissal of the postmaster general.

Virtually the whole Democratic national committee supported the attack upon Burleson. What amounted to charges against him were filed by Rufus Holtzner, of the committee. But various other Democratic leaders filed additional memoranda to show how the postmaster general had injured the prospects of the Democratic party in their states.

There were two main grounds of complaint against Burleson. One was the familiar charge that he angered the postoffice employees generally by his harsh treatment of them and by his reactionary attitude toward labor. These charges are already familiar to the public. They have been repeatedly aired in Congress.

Another charge had to do with patronage. The postmaster general had made a strict civil service regulation which required the appointment to all postoffice vacancies of the first person on the civil service eligible list. This took the postoffices entirely out of politics. But it made the Democratic leaders unhappy. It is an unusually strict regulation, ordinarily the appointing authorities retaining the right to choose among the first three or four on the eligible list.

The effect of the postmaster general's rule was that out of 650 first, second and third-class postmasters appointed in the year ending August last, only 92 per cent were Democrats. Mr. Homer Cummings had the complaint that

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out of fifteen postmasters appointed in Iowa, eleven were Republicans. Other leaders complained that under the postmaster general's regulation, carpet-baggers, men not residents of the districts, and persons objectionable to the people of the town were appointed.

A mass of evidence was presented to the President.

Wilson Takes Middle Course

Mr. Wilson compromised. It is said he resented somewhat the urgency of the effort to oust his appointee. But none the less he ordered that the civil service regulation be changed so that the appointing authority will be able to choose among the first four available. It is hoped that there will be Democrats always among the first four.

Furthermore, to prevent such grounds of complaint in the future, it was decided that no important action should be taken in the Postoffice Department in the future without being submitted to the President for his approval. The President will give his attention to the labor troubles Mr. Burleson has among his appointees.

The postmaster general defended himself to the President by saying he had been obstinate and strong-headed with

out doubt in some of the fights he had got into, but that he had always been loyal to Mr. Wilson and to the Democratic party.

He retained his job, but his political influence is gone.

Election Letter Was Unwise

It began to go after last election. It was on Burleson's advice that the famous letter to the country asking for support of all Democratic candidates for Congress was written. Afterward, when the votes had been counted, it is related on the best authority, Wilson stood looking out of a White House window one cabinet day as the cabinet was assembling. When all were present, without turning from the window, he said:

"There is one man in this room who gave me the worst political advice I ever had."

He then turned about, greeted the members of his official family and went

to business. Mr. Cummings and his friends on the Democratic national committee think now that they delayed too long the effort to rid the party of Burleson.

The biggest effort ever made to induce the President to dismiss an unpopular member of his cabinet has just failed. But a great change has taken place in the personnel of the President's advisers. Colonel House is not the important figure he was. Burleson is definitely gone. George Creel got lost in Europe, along with many other radical counselors. Cummings is influential. Hitchcock is influential. Baruch remains.

In general, the more conservative advisers are now favored, the group whose influence seemed to be entirely gone when McAdoo resigned after his advice against the famous letter asking for support to Democratic candidates for Congress in the last campaign had been rejected in favor of Burleson's advice.

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Must We Ratify Treaty To Save the World?

At the now famous White House conference with the Committee on Foreign Relations President Wilson emphasized the moral obligation resting upon the Senate to ratify the Peace Treaty as it stands.

THE LITERARY DIGEST of August 30th cites numerous leading newspapers which have taken up this question with ardor. "The first, the imperative duty of this country," says the *Jersey City Journal*, is to make the Treaty effective and then "to join the other civilized countries of the globe in an honest effort to make peace lasting," and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* maintains that America "can never return to a sane basis until the Peace Treaty is disposed of and actual peace is brought about." The opposition view is voiced by the *Hartford Courant*, which feels that while "benefit all round" should result from the conference the Senators will not be "stampeded by the President's plea for urgency." Senator Lodge hints at delays in his statement that "we all respect and share" the desires of those who want a Peace League, but "some of us see no hope, but rather defeat, for them in this murky covenant."

Other articles of compelling interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

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