

STATE MAY LOSE PRESTIGE IN HOUSE

Congressmen Doubt if Pennsylvania Will Succeed Moore on Steering Committee

SITUATION MAY BE SAVED

Washington, Dec. 3. Leaders in the House of Representatives, by voting the early retirement of Mayor-elect Moore from Congress, pointed out today that Pennsylvania was in danger of losing its influence in the all-important steering committee of the House. Congressmen Moore is one of the five members of this committee, which has more power than the Speaker and has full charge of Republican policy and Republican legislation in the House.

It was pointed out that some other state may succeed in winning the place on this committee, which will be made vacant by the retirement of Congressman Moore.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, one of the five members of this committee, was one of those who indicated the possibility of Pennsylvania losing membership in the steering committee. Leaders of the House frankly said it was a question whether or not there was another man in the Pennsylvania delegation who could command the support to win the succession to Mr. Moore. It was further indicated that Mr. Moore may be able to save the seat for Pennsylvania by having his votes before he leaves to take the office of Mayor of Philadelphia.

These important agencies, which will be made by the resignation of Mr. Moore from Congress will be in the committee on committees and the ways and means committee. Congressman Moore is admitted to be entitled to select Mr. Moore's successor to these two latter committees without contest.

Congressman Harry W. Watson, of the Bucks Montgomery district, is regarded as slated to succeed Mr. Moore on the ways and means committee. Mr. Watson as a candidate will have the support of the industrial and manufacturing interests of Pennsylvania and is satisfactory to the Mayor-elect.

Congressman Gravel, of Lancaster, looks up as a possible choice to succeed Mr. Moore on the steering committee. Others mentioned, either for the steering committee or the committee on committees are: Congressman Thomas S. Butler, of West Chester; Ben K. Focht, of Lewisburg; William S. Vane and Stephen G. Porter, of Pittsburgh.

The present membership of the steering committee is Madden, Illinois; Moore, Pennsylvania; Dunn, New York; Winslow, Massachusetts; and Longworth, Ohio.

MR. STERN, EYE ON CONGRESS, KNOWS ALL ABOUT ARTICLE X

State Representative Has New Hat to Throw Into Ring as Aspirant to Moore's Place—Will Acquiesce With People's Wishes if They Insist That He Be Candidate

Former State Representative Isadore Stern has a brand new hat all ready to throw into the ring in the Third Congressional district as soon as the people of the district chalk off the ring. Mr. Stern wants to succeed to the vacant seat in Congress which will be caused by the resignation of Mayor-elect Moore, and he does not "make any bones" about going to haul around a new K-Hs recklessly.

"Before he goes bareheaded he must hear the call of the people. Just now he is waiting for the call. He confidently expects to hear the call of the district call soon in an uncertain terms, unless a reporter called on Mr. Stern today to ask him what attitude he would take toward public questions of great moment, he found the former state legislator ready and waiting.

Juggler of No Mean Ability

Mr. Stern can flip Article X of the Pennsylvania constitution to the other side of his head, balance it on his chin and wind up by making it say, "Uncle."

"Are you going to run for Congress?" was the first question asked Mr. Stern.

"I am willing to be a candidate, if the people want me to represent them in Washington," he replied, "although it would involve a great personal sacrifice."

"That, I am willing to make that sacrifice if the people want me, because I believe that the district should have a man in Washington who would devote himself conscientiously and exclusively to congressional affairs and handle public matters intelligently."

"What is your attitude toward the league of nations?"

"I think that the reservation as regards Shanghai," said Mr. Stern, "should be adhered to; that we have no right to take land from one country and acquiesce in giving it to another."

"I think that this country should have a vote equal to the vote of Great Britain. We ought to take our place second to no nation in the power or influence under the league."

League Is Idealistic

"I think the league is more idealistic than practical. While I do not think that it will cut wars forever, it is a great step forward toward a better understanding between nations."

"What do you think a man who represents the Third district, one of the biggest industrial districts in the country, should do?" Mr. Stern was asked next.

He mentioned the names of Samuel J. Randall, William McAleer and

FREE TWO IN FATAL CRASH

Engineer and Chauffeur Exonerated in Death of Six

The Engineer and chauffeur who figured in the crash of the train and automobile at Eighty-fourth street and Sedgwick avenue, where six men were killed, were exonerated of blame today by Coroner Knight, sitting with Coroner Drews, of Darby, ruled that the men had been killed as the result of an unavoidable accident. Inquiry was being made into the deaths of Daniel H. Quinn, twenty-three years old, 87 Main street, Darby, and Clarence J. Scott, twenty-nine years old, 722 Broad street, Collingsdale.

Witnesses testified that the engine had blown the whistle of the train. Other witnesses were equally positive that the whistle had not been blown and that the crossing bell had not rung.

Thomas Quigley, district detective at Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue, testified that William Astin, driver of the truck, told him shortly after the accident that he had crossed in front of the track because several riders urged him to take a chance. The driver denied it today.

George Hill, the engineer, testified to blowing his whistle almost continuously because it was a foggy morning.

WINS IN VOTE RECOUNT

Dankleman Beats Bantaglio for Council in Fifth Ward, Camden

Following a recount of the councilmanic vote in the Fifth ward, Camden, Justice Trenchard, of Trenton, decided

PET CHICKENS SMOTHERED

Four Perish When Fire Destroys Rear of Junk Shop

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