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CONGRESS LEADERS DODGE BIG ISSUES

Both Parties Sidestep Army Training, Labor and Taxes. Fear Loss of Votes

PLENTY OF TALK, HOWEVER

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress recedes today under the spell of politics. In a few months the national party conventions will be held. In a few weeks primaries will begin. In a few days the Jackson dinner will take place, when several men will file claims to the possession of the Democratic party.

The Senate is full of candidates for the presidency in both parties. They prick up their ears every time a political pin drops. They will grow more nervous, more cautious, more watchful every moment as reconvention politics develop.

Ordinarily the session of Congress preceding the party conventions is a do-nothing session. Congress passes appropriations, talks much, with an eye on the election, avoids action on all disputed subjects which by any stretch of the imagination would cost votes.

And that thought makes the Republicans pause.

TREATY FACTIONS TALK COMPROMISE

Continue Discussions Begun During Holiday as Congress Resumes Mighty Tasks

VICTOR BERGER IS ABSENT

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress met promptly at noon today after a two weeks' recess over the holidays, with the Treaty of Versailles still the foremost of the great array of subjects with which the national lawmakers were expected to deal before adjournment, probably just before the presidential election next November.

WILSON WRITING WEIGHTY MESSAGE

Will Send "Important Word" to Jackson Day Dinners, Outlining Policies

MAY END THIRD-TERM TALK

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson will send "an important word of greeting" to the Democratic dinner on Jackson Day, January 8, it was announced today at the White House.

No information was available at the White House as to the form the President's message would take. Secretary Taft declined to amplify the bare announcement that it would be an "important word."

Some friends of the President believed, however, that he would take this opportunity to give his views as to future policies.

There was wide conjecture as to whether the President would discuss the third-term question. On this White House officials were silent, but some of the President's friends have insisted throughout that he would not be a candidate under any circumstances. They regard it as probable that he will make this clear in his message.

The vanguard of the Democratic leaders who will gather here this week for the quadrennial meeting of the party's national committee and the Jackson Day dinner, began arriving today. Although the only business meeting of the committee, at which the time and city for holding the national convention will be chosen, will not be held until Thursday, many of the leaders desired to arrive early in order to discuss the coming convention.

The national committee announced today that seven governors would attend the Jackson Day dinner Thursday evening. Accouncements of invitations have been received from Governors Cox, of Ohio; Cornwell, of West Virginia; Ritchie, of Maryland; Brough, of Arkansas; Cowper, of South Carolina; Robertson, of Oklahoma, and Davis, of Virginia. Governors Cox and Cornwell will speak at the dinner. The full list of speakers probably will be announced late today.

"LOTS OF DONG-DONGS"

Edward Lee, Chinese Laundryman, Started Things in "Pulling" Box

That's what Edward Lee, a Chinese, succeeded in arousing by pulling the fire-alarm box at Truth and Vine streets, according to Lee's own story. And the firemen agree with him. For in "pulling" the box Lee caused five engines, two trucks, one high pressure wagon, one insurance patrol, three battalion chiefs and one deputy chief to take a wild ride through the cold night. When they arrived Lee complacently pointed to a cloud of steam coming from the windows of the home of Mrs. Mary Klite, 315 North Tenth street. Investigation showed that a pipe had burst and the windows were opened to let out the steam.

"Lots of dong-dongs," said Lee blantly, as he sanded back to his laundry nearby.

GALLI-CURCI DIVORCE OPENS

Sensational Charges Not Mentioned in First Day of Singer's Suit

Chicago, Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—The divorce suit of Madame Galli-Curci against Luigi Curci opened here today. The first day's testimony was given over to the unravelling of technicalities and none of the sensational charges and counter-charges made by the opera star and her husband were aired.

Madame Galli-Curci charges her husband with infidelity and names Melissa Brown and other women as correspondents. Curci, in a counter-suit, charges the singer with infidelity and mentions her accomplice, Homer Samuels.

NEW CLUE IN BROWN DEATH

Man Seen With Wealthy Youth on Night of Murder Shadowed

Mr. Clemens, Mich., Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Authorities announced today that new evidence brought out at the special investigation into the death of J. Stanley Brown, wealthy young resident who was shot to death on December 23, might result in the issuance during the day of a warrant charging murder. It had been established, it was said, that a man who is under surveillance was seen to leave a Mr. Clemens hotel with Brown at a late hour on the night of the latter's death.

Alex J. Grossbeck, state attorney general, who is in charge of the investigation, was prepared to resume the inquiry before Justice Swan this afternoon. The attorney general had announced that the principal witness today would be Lloyd Prevost, Brown's close friend, who was detained Friday as a material witness.

Deaths of a Day

DR. HORATIO C. WOOD
Eminent Therapeutic Authority Succumbs to Pneumonia

Dr. Horatio C. Wood, widely known authority on therapeutics, died Saturday night at his home, 4107 Chester avenue. Doctor Wood had been a semi-invalid since 1906, at which time he retired from practice, but his death resulted from pneumonia, which he contracted on December 28.

Doctor Wood graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1882, and later received a LL. D. degree from that University as well as from Yale and Syracuse and an A. M. degree from Sarahmore College.

At the University of Pennsylvania he was professor of botany, 1887-1893; professor of therapeutics, 1876-1907; clinical professor of nervous diseases, 1875-1901; visiting physician at Philadelphia Hospital, 1872-1887, and Philadelphia Hospital, 1873-1887, and the University from 1870-1906.

Doctor Wood served in the capacity of editor for several medical journals. He was a member of the National Association of Therapists in Philadelphia in 1892-1903. As an author on medical subjects, he was widely known.

The growing honor of his career came when he was appointed chief of the Philadelphia representative of the United States to the Conference for the Unification of Therapeutic Medicines which met in Brussels.

The funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 4107 Chester avenue.

THOMAS W. BARLOW

Long Illness Fatal to Attorney and Ex-City Official

Thomas W. Barlow, prominent Philadelphia attorney and former assistant district attorney, died at 1:50 yesterday afternoon at his residence, 134 West Chester avenue. He had been suffering from a complication of disease since last September. He was sixty-five years old.

In 1895 Mr. Barlow was appointed assistant district attorney under Judge S. Graham and served until Mr. Graham's retirement from office December 31, 1899. He was appointed honorarium counsel for China in Philadelphia by Sir Shantung Lung Chang, Chinese minister to the United States.

Mr. Barlow at the time of his death was one of the trustees of Pennsylvania State College and a member of the Barbers' Barge Club, Union League, the Masonic fraternity and the Philadelphia Bar Association.

He is survived by his widow, a son, John Sanderson Barlow, of New York city; a daughter, Helen, three sisters, two of whom live in Washington, the first being Mrs. Harry Carpenter, of Philadelphia, and one brother, John S., of Mountain Lake, N. J.

FELIX HAAC

Prominent Textile Manufacturer Succumbs at Seventy-one

Felix Haac, a prominent textile manufacturer of this city, died this morning in his home at 4429 Chancery street. He was born in Berlin in 1849 and was seventy-one years old.

Haac came to this country at the age of fourteen years and settled in St. Louis. He came to Philadelphia when a young man and became engaged in the business of manufacturing textiles. His enterprises were expanded until he became one of the largest manufacturers in the city. His mills are in Frankford.

He married Miss Fannie Munch and they have two daughters, who survive him. His funeral will take place on Wednesday from his home, and the remains will be interred in the Chelton Hills Cemetery, of which he was a member. He was a member of the German Society of Pennsylvania.

Dr. R. J. Swoboda

Dr. Richard J. Swoboda, for nine years a district physician of the Department of Health and Charities, died Saturday at his home, 143 East Allegheny avenue. He was thirty-five years old. Doctor Swoboda was a graduate of Ursinus College and later entered the Medical-Chirurgical College, where he received his doctor's degree. His widow, two children, two sisters and four brothers survive him.

Dr. Charles McIntyre

Dr. Charles McIntyre, formerly president of the American Academy of Medicine and editor of the Bulletin of that society, died yesterday. He was seventy-three years old. He was a graduate of Lafayette College, where he taught chemistry, and also of the University of Pennsylvania.

QUAKE IN CANARY ISLANDS

Columns of Smoke Issue From Great Fissures in Earth

Madrid, Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Earthquake shocks were felt in the interior of the Canary islands yesterday, according to dispatches from Las Palmas. Great crevices were opened in the earth, from which columns of smoke are issuing. A volcanic eruption is feared.

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