

THE WEATHER

Washington, Jan. 28.—Cloudy and colder today; fair tomorrow.

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DEMOCRACY PERIL THREATENS NATION, WARMS DR. BUTLER

Columbia University Head Says Danger Lurks in Huge Political Machines

OFFICEHOLDERS TYRANTS, TELLS COMMERCE DINERS

Speaker, Mentioned for President, Flays Federal Trade Commission as Persecutor

A call to arms against the building up of a bureaucracy of autocratic officeholders and inspectors in the federal government at Washington was sounded today by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in an address before the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

Dr. Butler, whose words have special interest because he has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Republican nomination for President, epitomized his views in this warning to his audience of business men: "Guard against the building up of huge political machines in order to maintain and increase the contact between government and business."

Dr. Butler said that democracy was at stake and that the situation was all the more perilous because "the tyrants of an office-holding class" was being represented as the rule of the people.

Attacked Federal Commission The speaker evoked applause when he attacked the Federal Trade Commission for persecuting rather than helping business, and pointing out the right path along which it should travel.

Dr. Butler made a new contribution to the capital and labor problem when he suggested the establishment of a commission on industrial relations which should "represent the public alone."

Discipline Is Pathetic "It is little short of pathetic, after some of the best brains in the country have organized and set on foot a great industrial undertaking which engages the co-operation of thousands of men and women in the United States, only to be abandoned by the attorney general of the United States and by the United States district attorney in some judicial district."

The course of wisdom and of progress in the commission is to hear the plans of those who propose to develop an undertaking of this sort; to point out in advance what would be the closest possible to the doors and what would follow upon the plan where monopoly would be held to begin, and then to send the new undertaking to the attorney general and to the attorney general of the United States.

Uncertainty as to Labor Beside doubt as to what might be done without prosecution under the Sherman or Clayton act, he added, business was confronted with uncertainty as to labor. To remove this, he suggested the establishment at Washington of a commission on industrial relations to represent the public alone, which should make findings and recommendations in labor disputes.

Arguing that public opinion would be sufficient to enforce the commission's recommendations, he said the United States Supreme Court could not enforce its decrees against a state, but nevertheless such decisions had been obeyed, and that the rules of international law except in time of war had wide application.

The unchecked development of huge political machines," he said, "would in time completely alter the American form of government and revolutionize American business. It is perfectly easy for any body to get a course as outlined to transfer a democracy to an autocracy of officeholders and inspectors. Nominally, this autocracy would represent and carry out the will of the people, but actually it would be a tyranny of an office-holding class."

Johnson Praises Butler Alva B. Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced the speaker. "It is a fitting thing," he said, "that the citizens should scrutinize their future leaders. The new leaders must be both statesmen and business men. The man who is to speak to you today is both. As president of Columbia University, he had shown himself to be a man of big business. In the administration of the affairs of the faculty he has shown himself to be a man capable of handling men. And he has shown himself to be a prominent voice in the councils of the Republican party. The new leaders must understand the political conditions of the present day. I believe that Dr. Butler possesses the great qualities of leadership we are seeking."

No Room for Newly-Weds If They Would Live Here

John Ihlder Says Conditions Are Breeding Divorce Cases—Urges Development of Un-used Ground and Corrupt Building

There is no room in Philadelphia for the "newly-weds," according to John Ihlder, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Association, and in consequence the divorce courts are doing a land office business.

Mr. Ihlder pointed out that the situation is especially hard on the "newly-weds." A young couple getting married can go to housekeeping nowadays as they could years ago, with a little home of their own. "They must set up housekeeping in a boarding house," said Mr. Ihlder, "or go home to mother."

"To illustrate this, compare the number of house building permits issued in 1919 with the number of marriage licenses taken out in the same year, Mr. Ihlder continued.

"According to the records at City Hall, permits were issued for 5300 dwellings in 1919. During this same year 19,500 marriage licenses were issued.

"Where are all the new families going to set up housekeeping? Are they going to live with the wife's family or to take an 'apartment' in an old dwelling that has been converted into flats? None of these alternatives fits in with Philadelphia's conception of itself as a city of homes.

Shortage Promoted Divorces "There is more than a suspicion that the housing shortage has something to do with the divorce problem in Philadelphia. The divorce suits entered in the courts of this city are increasing.

Little Room for Improvement "Of course this number is far short of the total, but it indicates how little room there is for movement. The operative builders are not promising a better situation.

By the Associated Press Paris, Jan. 28.—(By A. P.)—Jugoslavians' reply to the allied ultimatum regarding the Adriatic question, received in Paris this afternoon, amounts to a virtual refusal of the compromise offered by the Italians.

The reply, it is believed, suggests a new basis of compromise along the lines of President Wilson's proposal.

Leave Question Open The Jugoslavians' communication will be presented to the council of ambassadors as soon as it is deciphered.

The note is couched in a conciliatory tone, and the way for further discussion of the question.

The reply states that the pact of London is a secret document, and that it has never been officially communicated to the Jugoslavians.

The Jugoslavians' reply, after being deciphered, a task of several hours, will be taken up by the attorney general of the United States, where it will be delivered to Premier Millerand's cabinet chief, the premier being absent in Belgium, decorating Belgian cities.

WINSTON ASSAILS WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET CONDITIONS

Contractors Negligent in Failing to Take Advantage of Thaw, Says Director

DEPARTMENT HEAD MAKES INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

Tour With Chief Heppburn Draws Strong Statement of Disapproval

"Streets of West Philadelphia are in a deplorable condition. Contractors responsible for that section failed to take advantage of the thaw to clean up," said Mr. Winston.

Director of Public Works Winston made this comment today after making a tour of the streets of that section. He was accompanied by Donald M. Heppburn, chief of the bureau of street cleaning. Mr. Winston said contractors responsible for cleaning the streets in that section were equally at fault with those responsible for conditions downtown.

Contractors' forces, augmented by men from the Bureau of Highways and City Property, resumed work today.

Early yesterday Chief Heppburn summoned the contractors of the street cleaning districts for a conference. He reiterated his statement that streets must and would be kept clean.

Frank Delmorfo, forty-five years old, 1622 South Juniper street, slipped and fell on the ice near his home. This left him with a fractured skull and a laceration of the head. He is at St. Agnes's Hospital.

Michael Stanton, twenty-seven years old, 1296 South Bucknell street, slipped and fell on the ice near his home. He is at St. Agnes's Hospital.

Y. W. C. A. LEADERS IN CONTEST TODAY

Hot Fight Expected at Polls to Keep Insurgents in Office

Present leaders of the Philadelphia Y. W. C. A. at Eighteenth and Arch streets, recently called the insurgents because of their fight in Common Pleas and Supreme Courts against the old regime, are today a little fearful of their supremacy.

The association's annual election is on today. Most of their constituents are young active men and are employed during the day.

On motion of Mrs. George Vaux, Jr. at a meeting of the board of managers today, it was decided to hold the polls open until 8 o'clock. This will give the members who are employed in Kensington and other places some distance away an opportunity to reach the polls in time to vote.

FAVORITE SON PLAN OF G. O. P. LEADERS BREAKS TO PIECES

Prospective Candidates for Presidency Flee From "State Choice" Handicap

OLD CHIEFS STILL HAVE PARTY REINS IN HANDS

Johnson, Showing Unexpected Strength, Carries Fight to Opponents' Homes

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Jan. 28.—The collapse of the favorite son plans of the Republican machine is the outstanding political development.

Governor Coolidge took himself out of the race in Massachusetts, Governor Goodrich, in Indiana and Governor Sprout in Pennsylvania. The plans to nominate Governor Phillips in Wisconsin have not materialized.

Senator Kellogg is not going to make a race of it in Minnesota. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler is having his troubles in making New York take him seriously as a presidential possibility.

But the failure of the organization plans for controlling the Republican convention is not interfering with its prospects of control. As things stand now the old party leaders will make the nomination in the first place. The race is an open race; any Republican having real popular strength could make a runaway race of it.

Wood No Longer Leads He is no longer the leading Republican candidate. You hear as much of Johnson and Lowden as you do of Wood. And Harding, who is making little noise, is really in the strongest position of them all.

Settle Question Friday Yesterday afternoon a short meeting was held, and it was decided to meet again on Friday to settle things for good and all.

CLEVELAND'S MAYOR OUT FOR GOVERNORSHIP

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28.—Mayor Harry L. Davis announces today that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor at the coming primaries on a platform calling for the elimination of radicals and radicalism and drastic legislation to punish profiteering.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN WANT COLLECTIVE SELLING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Farmers and dairymen demand the right of collective selling to protect themselves from the middleman, J. D. Miller, of New York, testified today before a Senate subcommittee considering a bill to amend the anti-trust laws.

WILSON APPEALS FOR LOAN TO FEED STARVING NATIONS

Asks Glass to Make Another Request of Congress for \$150,000,000 Advance

WOULD ASSIST POLAND, AUSTRIA AND ARMENIA

Unthinkable That U. S. Should Allow Peoples to Perish, Wilson Says

By the Associated Press Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today asked Secretary Glass to make another appeal to Congress for authority to lend \$150,000,000 to Poland, Austria and Armenia to relieve their desperate food situation.

The President's letter follows: "With considerable regret I have notified from the press that Congress is delaying the granting of authority for the emergency prompt and generous relief to the stricken portion of Europe, the urgency and importance of which, especially in respect to Poland, Austria and Armenia, you have fully explained to the ways and means committee.

It is unthinkable to me that we should withhold from those people who are in such mental and physical distress the assistance which can be rendered by making available on credit small portion of our exportable surplus of food which would alleviate the situation.

Many Dying of Hunger While I am sure that you must have explained fully to the ways and means committee the appalling situation in those parts of Europe where men, women and children are now dying of starvation and the urgent necessity for prompt assistance, I believe that you will make another appeal to Congress to make another loan.

I am informed that through the published reports of hearings before the ways and means committee the credit small portion of our exportable surplus of food which would alleviate the situation.

Committee Defers Action Secretary Glass, meeting with the House ways and means committee, presented the President's letter without comment and the committee deferred consideration of both the letter and the relief proposal.

Prof. R. M. JOHNSTON DIES

Illness Aggravated by Two Years in Service Fatal

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 28.—(By A. P.)—Prof. Robert Matheron Johnson, who was with the American Expeditionary Forces, died at his home here today, of an illness aggravated by two years' service in France. He was 52 years of age.

POWHATAN DOCKS SAFELY

Little Evidence of Struggle With Sea—Crew Not Much Affected

When you think of writing, think of WHITING—Ad.