

EAGER FOR PRESTIGE AT INAUGURATION

Washington Bankers and Social Leaders After Administration Favor

3-CORNERED BATTLE RAGES

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 25.—Washington banks and society are all mixed up in a row over approaching inauguration honors, and two of the biggest banking institutions in the capital have apparently locked horns in combat to see which shall be the "official" bank of the Harding administration. News-papers, finance, social aspirants and politics all figure in the battle now nearing an issue.

It is three-cornered in character. The three principals are competing for the honor of serving as chairman of the Harding inaugural committee, which directs all arrangements for the inauguration. These three, with their affiliations, are:

First, William T. Gallier, president of the American National Bank of Washington, chairman of the District of Columbia, and chairman of the ways and means committee of the Republican national committee for the District of Columbia, in which capacity he raised many thousands of dollars for the Republican campaign fund this year.

Second, Milton E. Allen, first vice president of the Riggs National Bank, and slated to be president on January 3; one of the leading characters in the famous Riggs bank case involving a long fight with John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, and the Democratic national administration, which backed Williams in his charges of improper practices by the bank.

Third, Edward R. McLean, multi-millionaire owner and publisher of the Cincinnati Enquirer and Washington Post, probably the wealthiest individual in the capital, who entertains lavishly at Friendship, the McLean estate on the outskirts of Washington, and who is now a member of the Harding party in Panama.

All Have "Backing"

Mr. Gallier is the "organization" candidate for the appointment, which is made by the chairman of the national committee and usually represents the personal choice of the President-elect.

Mr. Allen has the backing of the "Riggs Bank crowd," as that particular banking, business and social group is commonly known, and counts on the attitude of the bank in the controversy with the Democratic administration to help his cause.

Social and business influences principally are behind the McLean candidacy and his personal popularity with Senator Harding is viewed with apprehension by his rivals for the honor. Having spent considerable time with the President-elect in Marion, and accompanied him to the inauguration, and having the additional prestige of owning two of the best known newspapers in the United States, neutral opinion in the capital inclines to believe that he will walk off with the assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean live on the heights of Washington society. Both inherited tremendous fortunes from their fathers, Mrs. McLean, before her marriage, having been Miss Evelyn Walsh, daughter of Thomas F. Walsh, western mining magnate. Their combined fortunes give them a commanding position in social and financial circles in the capital.

"Social Administration Expected"

Although the chairmanship is purely an honorary appointment, it is eagerly sought for the social prestige it brings the man who is lucky enough to land it. The contest reflects the capital's belief that the Harding administration will be a "social administration," and that the affairs of Washington society will be intimately linked with the affairs of government during the next four years.

Local influences already are at work in an effort to have the inaugural ball revived. President Wilson discontinued the custom when he served upon his first term, holding the ball would interfere with the work of the pension bureau.

FRANCE AGAINST BLOCKADE

Legays Favors Resuming Trade With Soviet Government

Paris, Nov. 25.—(By A. P.)—Suppression of the blockade of Russia is favored by Premier Legays, he told the committee on foreign relations of the Chamber of Deputies last evening. Inasmuch as the Soviet government is actually in operation, he declared, it has been decided to permit French traders and manufacturers to do all the business they can with Russia.

In addition, says Marcel Cachin, who is a member of the committee, and who has written an account of the premier's statement for the newspaper Humanite, M. Legays said he was arranging to encourage trade with Russia.

TRIBUTE PAID GIORDANA

Nearly 100,000 Persons Witness Funeral of Murdered Constitutionalist

Biologna, Italy, Nov. 24.—(By A. P.)—Nearly 100,000 persons today witnessed the funeral of Deputy Giordana, the constitutionalist, who was slain during the riot at the municipal hall, on Sunday. The wife and mother of the dead man followed the hearse and as they passed along the street many weeping women kissed their hands.

Police officers have searched the house of Martelli, a Communist leader, who was arrested yesterday, and declare they found books showing bank deposits of 40,000 lire. Martelli is alleged to have attended Sunday's meeting, carrying a basket, which contained bombs covered with napkins.

On the closed door of the Chamber of Labor some one today affixed a placard bearing the inscription "Close the door for the cowardly murder of Giordana."

COUNTESS TO BE TRIED

Sinn Fein Member of Parliament Before Court-Martial Dec. 2

Dublin, Nov. 25.—The number of arrests in Dublin from November 17 to 23 amounted to 120, according to official announcement. The trial of Countess Markievicz will take place by court-martial on Thursday, December 2.

Countess Markievicz, Sinn Fein member of Parliament from St. Patrick's division of Dublin city, was arrested September 27. The authorities had been seeking her for a long time owing to her activities in Sinn Fein movements.

GERMANY ASKS U. S. TO RECALL TROOPS

Occupation of Rhineland Bleeding Nation White, Says Reichstag Member

WANT TREATY REVISED

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The Reichstag yesterday entered upon consideration of appropriations to carry out the provisions of the treaty with the reception of a report of the budget committee, which had increased the original estimates, especially for the army of occupation, by several million marks.

The committee report appealed to the German Government to memorialize the Allies, asking them, in view of the indeterminate continuance of expenditures necessary on the part of Germany, that the former enemy countries make known the number of men which is to be considered essential in the army of occupation and what the probable cost will be.

The report also asked the government to request the Allies to permit

Germany to retain such war materials remaining in her possession as are needed to restore church bells, particularly bronze.

The committee recommended an appropriation of 40,000,000 marks instead of 20,000,000, for the Rhineland occupational troops, and 611,000,000 marks instead of 446,000,000 marks for the costs of housing the army of occupation.

Demands Removal of U. S. Troops

Dr. George Schreiber, cleric, bitterly attacking the report, said:

"We must say to the Americans that humanity demands that they remove the main body of their troops from the left bank of the Rhine. We want the American people to know that all this charitable work, such as the Quakers and other organizations are doing, is useless so long as we are being bled to death by the troops of occupation. One hundred and fifty thousand men are occupying territory where only 76,000 were garrisoned in peace time. There we are compelled to maintain and support militarism, the elimination of which was one of the ostensible reasons for the war.

"We know, and we regret with the deepest feeling, that it is a fact that 45,000 Negro troops still are occupying the left bank of the Rhine. This constitutes one-half of all the French troops and a third of the whole army of occupation. We do not deny the right of these Negroes to higher culture, but in this position and by unrestrained impulse they see in the Ger-

mans white slaves and this constitutes not only a danger to German civilization, but to the interests of all Europe.

"The white race will bitterly rue the day it sent black troops as the conquerors of a cultured people."

Germans Joining French Legions

Dr. Schreiber asserted that certain Germans, through the use of moving picture films, were making romance and adventure of the lives of the members of the French Foreign Legion and were "enticing young Germans to enlist in that organization." He declared that more than 3000 Germans already were members of it.

The speaker urged that there was as much necessity to place a copy of the peace treaty in every school child's hands as the state constitution; in order that the "shame of Versailles" might be shown.

"The budget for the execution of this treaty in the peace treaty should be revised in the interest of all the countries."

Otto Wels, speaking for the Majority Socialists, said the peace treaty should be revised in the interest of all the countries.

tracting parties. He warned the Pan-Germans against making the issue of revision a pretext for agitation, and told the Nationalists that so long as they were crying for revenge France would not loosen her fetters.

"The treaty will only be altered," said Herr Wels, "when the whole mentality of nations and of governments changes. We must acknowledge and fulfill the just terms of the treaty, but at the same time strive to create an atmosphere which will prove conducive to achieving ultimate revision."

Herr Reichert, Nationalist, said Germany had been transferred from a prosperous creditor into a hopeless debtor nation, and would soon be converted into a beggar nation unless the treaty were revised.

"The rights of the German people are trampled on," he said. "Only two industries are actively in operation—the printing presses, which are turning out money, and the finance minister's adding machines."

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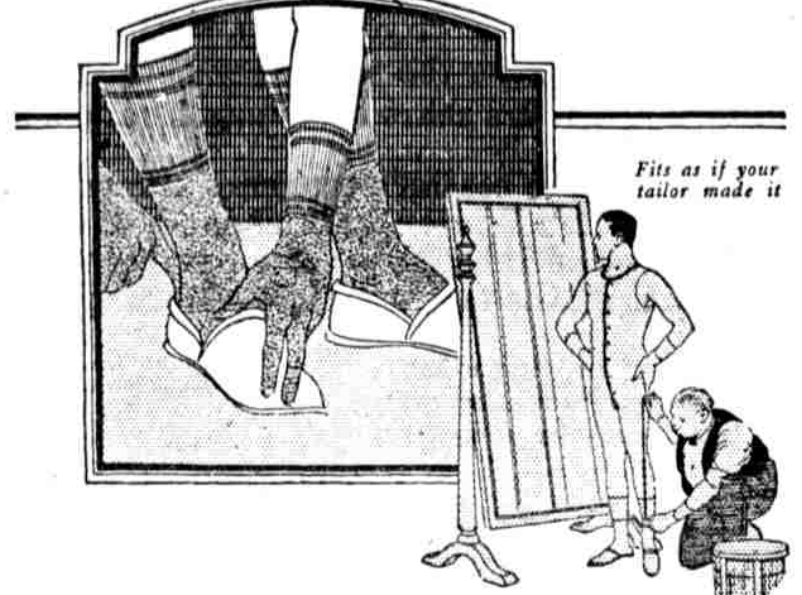
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