

BOOM UNDERWOOD.

Democratic House Leader Wants Nomination.

AFTER SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

Activities of Senator Bankhead of Alabama Give Wilson Supporters Scare. Plan is to Boost Congressman in Every Weekly Newspaper in the South.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Underwood presidential boom has assumed such proportions that the friends of the other candidates who are contending for the Democratic nomination have begun to take notice. The Underwood campaign committee, headed by Senator Bankhead of Alabama, has made a dead set of delegates from the south, and the activities in this direction has given a scare to the followers of Governor Wilson in Washington, who have counted upon a solid Wilson delegation from the south.

Senator Bankhead has undertaken to enlist the support of the weekly press of the south and through it to reach the people of that section. He has written to the editor of every weekly paper in the south a letter trying to arrange for the circulation of a special Underwood supplement giving the claims why Representative Underwood should be nominated by the Democrats. He proposes a strictly business transaction and states that the Underwood campaign committee believes it to be allowable in every way by the ethics of good journalism.

Senator Bankhead proposes to compensate the papers that circulate the Underwood supplement.

There is no longer any doubt that the Underwood campaign committee is at work in earnest, and it is this fact that has stirred the friends of Governor Wilson and other candidates.

HUGE EXPRESS PROFITS.

Figures Total \$294,043,285, and Net Income on Assets of \$26,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 8.—One of the most striking documentary exhibits ever filed with the interstate commerce commission was that submitted by Attorney Frank Lyon as part of the record in the express rate investigation. It shows the enormous profits of the nine principal express companies and undoubtedly will have great influence with the commission in determining what reductions shall be ordered in charges.

The record shows that the gross receipts of the express companies for the period covered was \$795,309,721, half of which was paid to the railroads. The net profits of the express companies were \$294,043,285, and the total dividends paid amounted to \$212,085,332. These enormous profits were made on property and equipment valued on June 30, 1911, at only \$29,065,711.

In addition to the dividends declared, the companies hold in their treasuries \$81,357,893, a large proportion of which, it is alleged, has accrued as the result of overcharging the public and from dividends and other funds which were not paid, as the persons to whom they were due did not appear.

HEROINE SAVES FRIEND.

Leaps Overboard at Sea and Holds Up Companion's Head Till Rescued.

Honolulu, Feb. 8.—The Nippon Maru arrived here from the orient after a thrilling experience with a gale at sea which disclosed a heroine among the passengers and gave the ship's crew an exciting experience.

Miss Ruth Ragan of Denver, who was returning after several years as an official of the Y. W. C. A. at Yokohama, was the heroine. She and a companion, Miss H. Page of Berkeley, Cal., were on the deck when the vessel ran into the gale.

Miss Page was pitched from the deck of the vessel into the sea. Miss Ragan, stopping only long enough to throw her heavy cloak from her shoulders, leaped in after her friend and held her head up till help came.

TAFT NAMES HERRICK.

Former Ohio Governor to Be Ambassador to France.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The nomination of former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio to be ambassador to France was sent by President Taft to the senate.

He will succeed Robert Bacon, resigned to become a fellow of Harvard university. An effort will be made to secure his immediate confirmation.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

Temp.	Weather.
New York 29	Cloudy
Albany 30	Cloudy
Atlantic City 30	Cloudy
Boston 30	Cloudy
Buffalo 18	Snow
Chicago 16	Clear
St. Louis 22	Clear
New Orleans 54	Clear
Washington 30	Cloudy

GOVERNOR HOOPER.

Tennessee Executive Promises Dry State if He Is Re-elected.



HOOPER WANTS SECOND TERM.

Governor of Tennessee Thinks He Could Drive Saloons Out.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Ben W. Hooper, first Republican elected governor of Tennessee for three decades, announces that he will stand for reelection.

"If the people of Tennessee will back me up with the right kind of legislation," declares the governor, "we will demonstrate that the open saloon can be driven from every city in Tennessee."

Governor Hooper was elected by a fusion of independent Democrats and Republicans, and he says that he expects the independent vote to carry him through for a second term.

BRITISH ACT FOR PEACE.

International Reduction of Armament Said to Be Up For Discussion.

London, Feb. 8.—There is much speculation over the sudden departure for Berlin of Viscount Haldane, the secretary of war, and Sir Ernest Cassel, the financier, who recently received the Order of the Red Eagle from the kaiser. It is supposed that the two men have gone to the German capital on some important mission.

The king gave an audience to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, and Lord Lansdowne, the leader of the opposition in the second chamber.

These two things taken together suggest the thought that there may be something afoot in the way of a more cordial international understanding on the lines suggested by Lloyd-George in his speech at the City Liberal club on Feb. 3. The chancellor of the exchequer said on that occasion that he believed the present was a good time to take up the possible international reduction of armaments. He insisted that it would be to the interests of Great Britain, Germany, France and Russia to have a better understanding on this subject. The cornerstone of sound finance, said the chancellor on this occasion, is peace.

NEW PROTESTS AGAINST HOOK.

Kansas Jurist's Nomination For Supreme Court Justice Held Up.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Following an hour's session of the four lawyers in President's Taft's cabinet it became known that the proposed nomination of Judge William C. Hook of Kansas to the supreme court had been held up and probably would not be sent to the senate as President Taft had intended.

According to Kansans at the White House, the latest protests against Judge Hook have grown out of an Oklahoma case in which an attempt was made to secure dining car and sleeping car privileges for negroes.

The United States court, Judge Hook concurring, decided that it was optional with the railroad to furnish these cars.

Secretary Nagel was not present at the cabinet meeting. It is well known that he has a strong advocate in Attorney General Wickensham and other members of the president's official family.

MORSE IN NEW YORK TODAY.

Pardoned Banker's Recovery Quick on Gaining Release.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, recently paroled by President Taft, is on his way to New York, where he will arrive late this afternoon.

Morse is accompanied by his wife. His plans for departure were not publicly known until a few minutes before his train left, when he was recognized at the terminal station.

Since his parole from the Atlanta penitentiary, signed on account of his reported failing health, Morse has been most of the time at the military hospital at Fort McPherson, but the past ten days he spent in a local hotel.

Congressman Malby Ill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Representative George Malby is confined to his rooms at the Willard with a severe attack of tonsillitis. The condition of the New York congressman is giving his friends great concern, although his nurse reported that he is resting comfortably.

NO GRABS IN CHINA.

Knox Assures Germany of "Hands Off" Policy.

WARNING TO OTHER POWERS.

Publication of Note to German Ambassador Is Taken as a Declaration to the World That the United States and the Kaiser Will Demand Absolute Neutrality.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In a note to the German ambassador Secretary of State Knox has again put the United States in a position of protector of the integrity of the Chinese empire and places this government on record in favor of a policy of "hands off" during the present political upheaval in China.

The publication of the note is also regarded here as in effect a declaration to the world that the United States and Germany will be found acting together against any "grabs" in China by other powers. The publication of the note follows an exchange between the governments of Germany and the United States in regard to the situation. The note was handed to Ambassador Bernstorff in response to an inquiry from his government as to the "attitude and general impressions of the government of the United States in regard to conditions in China."

Copies of the note have been placed in the hands of the governments of the other powers chiefly interested in China—namely, Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Japan. It is expected that the text of the note and the circumstances in which its publication was agreed upon by the governments of Germany and the United States will have a strong moral effect in regard to the future developments in China.

Full faith in the adhesion of all the powers to the policy of nonintervention and absolute neutrality in the Chinese situation is expressed by Secretary Knox in the note.

Secretary Knox also declares it to be the policy of the United States to discourage its national bankers from making any loan to either side in the Chinese situation, regarding a loan to either a violation of the policy of absolute neutrality.

This step upon the part of Secretary Knox is plainly a move in continuation of the Hay policy in regard to China. Germany has from the first been most heartily in accord with the United States in maintaining the integrity of China and the absolute neutrality of the powers during the present revolution.

There was no doubt in Washington that the import of the Knox note would be fully realized by the governments to which it has been communicated. Though the American secretary of state has succeeded in couching his expression of policy in the most diplomatic terms, its significance as the warning note will, it is thought, be clearly seen by the other powers. The fact that the writing and publication of the Knox note is the result of an understanding between Germany and the United States will greatly add to the force of the document. The other powers, according to the Washington view, will hesitate long before embarking upon a policy of advancing their special interests by taking advantage of China's distress with Germany and the United States standing together before the world in opposition to any such move.

The quarter in which the Knox note is expected to do the most good is in the councils of Russia, Japan and Great Britain. Ever since the beginning of the Chinese revolution suspicion has fallen repeatedly upon Russia and Japan.

Great Britain has been involved in these suspicions owing to her alliance with Japan and also through the assiduity with which the British foreign official cultivated Russian friendship during the Moroccan crisis.

The state department was quick to recognize the grave possibilities in the situation at the very outset of the Chinese revolution. Through Minister Calhoun at Peking it exerted every possible effort to obtain an informal agreement among the interested parties on a neutral policy of nonintervention. It developed soon that Germany was in complete accord with the United States in regard to the policy the powers should adopt in China. The two governments were a unit throughout in working for a "hands off" policy.

SLAYS OWN FATHER.

Cleveland Man Shoots in Defense of Mother and Family.

Cleveland, Feb. 8.—That he shot and killed his father in defense of his mother, sister and himself was the plea of James Hurst, Jr., twenty-three years old, when arraigned on a charge of murder. At the inquest Mrs. James Hurst, Sr., and Miss Hettie Hurst, her daughter, will tell a story of abuse and, the police say, of murderous threats against their lives at the hands of the husband and father, James Hurst, a ship carpenter.

Hurst junior went to the police station and surrendered himself after he had shot and killed his father in their home.

Weather Probabilities. Generally fair today and Friday, except for snow flurries.

SNAPPED IN AEROPLANE.

First Photo Ever Taken of the Statue of Liberty From Above.



By 1912, by American Press Association

HELD FOR UNCLE'S DEATH.

Sole Beneficiary of Will Leaving \$150,000 Charged With Murder.

Toledo, O., Feb. 8.—James Utz, thirty-two years old, and J. H. Fretz, a nurse, both of Fostoria, are under arrest charged with administering poison to Samuel Utz, seventy-two, a wealthy real estate man of Tiffin, O., and uncle of James Utz.

The older Utz died Saturday night. Pneumonia was given as the cause. Undertaker Kishler discovered burns upon the dead man's mouth and notified Coroner Lepper, who ordered the body held for examination while the funeral services were in progress. A postmortem examination developed traces of poison in the stomach. The coroner rendered a verdict of "death by carbolic acid poisoning." Poison records in Welding's drug store show that young Utz purchased a one ounce phial of carbolic acid last Friday.

By the terms of a will executed in 1905 James Utz was made the sole beneficiary of his uncle's estate, which is estimated to be worth \$150,000.

Close friends of the Utz family declare that Samuel Utz had selected a wife for his nephew. This woman, it is said, was much older than the young man. James Utz was married last week to a woman of his own age. It is said the uncle and young man quarreled frequently as a result of this marriage.

IN MEMORY OF DICKENS.

Great Britain Newspapers and People Pay Loving Tribute.

London, Feb. 8.—The centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens occupies hundreds of columns in the newspapers throughout Great Britain. These tributes are eulogistic, reminiscent and anecdotal.

It was intended at first to have services at various places made famous by the great novelist, but these were abandoned on account of the recent death of Alfred Tennyson Dickens, the son of Charles Dickens, in New York.

Many wreaths were sent to Westminster abbey and placed on the grave of the immortal writer in the "poets' corner."

ENGLISH MINERS TO STRIKE.

Outlook For a Settlement of Differences Gloomy.

London, Feb. 8.—The promised coal strike, which it had been hoped to avert, looks nearer, and the outlook for a settlement becomes more gloomy. The South Wales mine owners declare they will withdraw from the conference which is deliberating the situation. They take this action because the proposals of the Miners' federation amount to the tearing up of the existing agreements between the owners and the men.

It is doubtful whether the conference will be resumed. If this is the case the strike is apparently inevitable.

FASHION BARS FAT MEN.

If You're Not Slender You Must Appear So, Is Decree.

Buffalo, Feb. 8.—Fashion's decree governing men's dress for 1912 offers small comfort to the fat man. The dietum of the Custom Cutters' Association of America, is session here, is: "The slender man is to be the model for 1912. To be considered well dressed and well groomed a man must give the impression of slenderness."

There will be no padded shoulders, and tighter fits will be the order. Either plain or striped effects will be correct.

INVITE A PROBE.

Everglades Land Investigation Begun Today.

WILSON DEFENDS HIS ACTION

House Committee Subpoenas Witnesses to Dig Deep Into Charges Against Department of Agriculture Officials—Dismissed Employees to Give Their Side.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Through investigation of the Everglades land controversy was begun this morning by the house committee on expenditures in the agricultural department when Chairman Moss was directed to issue subpoenas for witnesses.

Henry E. Davis, former United States attorney for the District of Columbia, had been retained by Chief Engineer Elliott and Assistant Engineer Moorehouse of the drainage division, who were dismissed by Secretary Wilson last Saturday, and by Accountant Singleton, who was suspended, to represent their interests before the committee during the investigation.

Hearings will probably not be begun until some time next week, but Chairman Moss today directed the issuance of a subpoena for J. O. Wright, formerly an employee of the department and now chief engineer of the Everglades drainage project. Wright on Jan. 19 of this year brought to the attention of Solicitor McCabe the charges upon which Elliott and Moorehouse were dismissed and Singleton was suspended. The first witness called, however, will be A. Zappone, chief of the division of accounts of the department. He will be asked to tell the committee all the details of the alleged irregularities in the accounts of the drainage division in 1909 which resulted in the punishment last Saturday of the three officials in question.

There are several new developments in the Everglades controversy. The department issued a statement denouncing as "prejudiced, one-sided and untrue" the statement given out by Representative Clark of Florida declaring that Secretary Wilson suppressed a warning circular and an engineer's report on the Everglades because the circular and report did not please the land speculators operating in the Everglades. The department's statement also declares that Elliott and Moorehouse were dismissed "because they had certified and presented false accounts, knowing them to be false, on which the government paid out money."

The stand taken by Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe in their conviction that in punishing Elliott, Moorehouse and Singleton they did the only thing possible under the circumstances and their apparent willingness to be investigated have lent additional interest to the pending inquiry.

BOMB MYSTERY DEEPENS.

New York Police Release Dickinson on Homicide Charge.

New York, Feb. 8.—After Charles M. Dickinson, the stenographer who was in Grace Walker's flat in West Seventy-seventh street Saturday evening when a bomb exploded in her hands and killed her, had been released by Coroner Feinberg because there was not enough evidence to make District Attorney Whitman feel that he should be kept in custody on a homicide charge, the police under Commissioner Dougherty began a hunt along different lines for the sender of the bomb.

While Commissioner Dougherty said he made a practice of being hopeful, he admitted that so far as getting the murderer was concerned he didn't seem to be in a position any better than he was on Monday evening.

DUKE TO LARGER FIELD.

Head of American Tobacco Company to Direct British Concern.

New York, Feb. 8.—It is announced at the offices of the American Tobacco company that James B. Duke, its president, would very soon resign and accept the chairmanship of British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, with its head office in London, in order to devote himself to the extension of the business of the latter company, which now lies principally in China, India, Australia, Canada, South Africa and continental Europe.

He will be succeeded as president of the American Tobacco company by Percival S. Hill, long a vice president of the company.

SENTENCES MACFARLAND.

Newark Wife Slayer Gets Stay Pending Appeal.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 8.—Allison M. MacFarland, who was last week convicted of having murdered his wife with cyanide of potassium, was sentenced to die in the electric chair at the Trenton state prison in the week beginning March 17.

The execution will not take place then, however, as the case will now go to the higher courts for review.

Peace Conference in 1915.

The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 8.—It is announced that the third peace conference of the powers will not assemble here before 1915.

MILANVILLE.

(Special to The Citizen.) Milanville, Pa., Feb. 8.

Mr. Eaton was in Honesdale on Wednesday last.

Wynnan Kimble, mercantile appraiser, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Milka have permanent boy boarder.

Miss Florence Oliver, of Damascus, visited Mrs. R. H. Bugle and Miss Mary Dexter last week.

G. B. Lassley, who was ill, is able to be about again.

Miss Ida Coats is enjoying a visit with friends in New York City.

Mrs. Isadore Calkins is ill at the present writing.

Mrs. Moyer is now on the road to recovery.

Jake Scott, who has been critically ill from typhoid pneumonia, is a little better.

HOLLISTERVILLE.

(Special to The Citizen.) Hollisterville, Pa., Feb. 8.

Mr. E. B. Hollister, our venerable Squire, met with a serious accident a week ago last Saturday. While on his way home from a call he had made, he fell on the ice, striking the forehead. Two small bones at the back of the neck were broken which causes him to suffer very severe pain. He is compelled to keep his bed, and his friends are anxious as to the outcome. We trust that our aged neighbor may soon be able to be about again.

Mrs. John Owens, who is in poor health for the last ten months, is not improving any.

Mrs. Steward Heers is slowing recovery from a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. Edith Potter spent last Sunday in Scranton.

J. E. Elliot, our postmaster, filling out pension vouchers this month. Squire Hollister not being able.

Rev. Reichert preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday morning on the theme, "The Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the Greater Need of the Church." Rev. Reichert will preach at East Sterling next Sunday afternoon and at the Union church in the evening.

Rev. Mr. McEwen, pastor of the Baptist church, has resigned to accept a call from another church.

The young folks of the M. E. church will give a drama in the hall this Friday and Saturday evening.

Miss Nellie Hollister expects to go South for a few months for the benefit of her health.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quick died last Saturday.

William Cairnes of Newark, N. J., son of a former pastor of the M. E. church, was a caller at the parsonage last week.

The schools of town will observe Patron's Day next week.

REPORT OF LOCAL INSTITUTE.

The annual local institute for the teachers of Honesdale, Seelyville, Prompton, Cherry Ridge, Texas, Derry, Bethany, and Lebanon was held at the Honesdale High school Saturday, Feb. 3.

The session opened at 10:30 a. m. with singing, followed by devotional exercises which were conducted by R. M. Stocke, Prof. H. A. Oday acted as chairman of the institute.

The opening address was made by Miss Black, representative of the State Teachers' League of Pennsylvania. In a very pleasing manner she presented the brief history of the League, its purpose and the work which it will endeavor to accomplish. The purpose of the League is for the mutual benefit of the teachers of Pennsylvania since it will endeavor to have the following bills passed by the Legislature: 1. The Appropriation Bill. 2. Tenure of Office Bill and thirdly, the Retirement bill. The new school code allows teacher advancement in salary, but no appropriation has been made, hence the appropriation bill. The great universities of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh receive large appropriations from each legislature, perhaps not that they ask for, but the average yearly appropriation to each institution amounts to a million. This should give the common people, the actual taxpayers more returns for this outlay.

At noon the institute adjourned until 1:30. In the afternoon C. Prince of New York addressed the institute on "Modern Methods Teaching Practical Penmanship the Schools."

Writing is that which is at once easily read, and easily and rapidly accomplished. Vertical writing favored, not because it was not pleasing to the eye, but because it could be written quickly and easily. Writing easily, skillfully with arm movement, and with correct posture, and ought to be demanded. Writing is the great vehicle on which a teacher can get the best results unless she demand correct posture and easy arm movement in all writing work. Daily writing lessons are essential for as the music teacher trains the muscles of the child finger drills, so must the teacher also in five minute drills before every writing lesson. Every teacher should have a high standard of written work, for as the child passes through the grades, the teacher becomes a link of a chain and every chain is as strong as its weakest link and no stronger.

Mr. Prince presented a Steadman writing chart showing correct posture, position of hand drills, scribbles, etc.

Miss Gregory then took up the subject, "The Lady of the Lake and very entertainingly gave an outline of the story, locating the different scenes of action by use of a map. She also described the scenery at each place located. The different plots of the story were pointed out as were also the characteristics of the Scotch people.

The remainder of the session was taken up by Mrs. Freidwald in a very pleasing manner presenting the reading of "Herod."

The institute adjourned at 4:30 p. m. MARIE McDERMOTT, Secretary.

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