

LEVER MENTIONED FOR CABINET POST

SAID TO BE SLATED FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

Byrnes is Now Dean

But a Few Years Ago "Baby" Member, He Now Heads South Carolina Delegation.

Washington, July 31.—There is much interest in Washington concerning the future of Congressman A. F. Lever, who has just retired from the representation of the seventh South Carolina district, after serving that district faithfully for many years.

While Mr. Lever has made no statement concerning his future plans, it is understood here that he has something big in sight in the near future, after he has served in his position of federal farm loan board commissioner for a few years.

There is apparently a well founded understanding in Washington official circles that Mr. Lever, if the Democrats win the next national election and remain in power, will be made secretary of agriculture, and in this contingency, South Carolina will then have a cabinet officer.

It is not believed that Mr. Lever will hold the federal farm loan board place indefinitely. Although the work will be congenial to him and the pay good, \$10,000 a year, there are undoubtedly other plans which he has on hand but which for obvious reasons, will not come to light for some time.

There seems to be little doubt that Mr. Lever will become a cabinet member if the Democrats remain in power in national affairs, else it seems to be doubtful if he would have cut himself off from South Carolina politics, practically burning his bridges behind him, in order to take his present assignment.

The retirement of Mr. Lever from the house brings to light the fact that Congressman James F. Byrnes, who but a few years ago was the "baby" member of the delegation is now its dean.

About the time Mr. Byrnes came to congress, his opponent and the man he defeated for the house, Judge Patterson, of Barnwell, died. In addition to this the house lost George Legare of the first district; Judge Joseph T. Johnson, of the fourth; Representative Finley, of the fifth; and two members from the sixth, J. E. Ellerbe and J. W. Ragsdale.

Last July Senator Tillman also died, making an unusually large casualty list for so short a time.

As a member of the farm loan board, Mr. Lever will no doubt prove of great value to his farmer friends throughout the country. His familiarity with both agricultural and congressional affairs makes him able at the beginning of his new work to take hold like a veteran and to push the work with excellent advantage to agricultural interests, this being the main purpose of the farm loan law.

No one of course yet knows who the successors to Mr. Lever and Mr. Ragsdale will be, but this much is assured already—they will find a ready and spontaneous welcome from the South Carolina delegation and others here when they come.

A Hard World.

"Mother," said Helen, "when I grow up, will I have a husband like papa?"

"Yes, I suppose so," answered the mother.

"Mother," said Helen after a pause, "when I grow up, if I don't marry, will I be an old maid like Aunt Gertrude?"

"Why, yes, I suppose so," repeated her mother. "But what queer questions for a little girl to ask."

"Mother," after another pause, "this is a very hard world for us women, isn't it?"

With the senate on one side and the league of nations on the other, President Wilson must sometimes have a good idea of what the conditions are between the upper and the nether millstone.

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BULLIES IN UNIFORM.

National Guardsmen Humiliated By Regulars.

New York, May 10.—About this courtmartial matter. Gen. Leonard Wood says private soldiers are treated as fairly by courtmartial as officers are. Except says he, officers sitting on courts naturally hesitate to credit charges made against fellow officers who have served faithfully for years.

Maybe so. Gen. Wood has the figures at his fingers' ends. Every one knows that Gen. Wood is absolutely fair and square himself. But is it not possible that he has something of the professional soldier's point of view? Also, because he is a big man and a fearless one, it is possible that things do not happen in his presence which might well be commonplace where smaller men morally are concerned.

Lack of Proper Spirit.

My own impression has been that our regular army is a bit Prussian in its attitude toward the private soldier. Not all of our regular army officers, of course. But there are mean-spirited little bullies in the uniform and it has seemed to me that the regular establishment supported them. Time after time I have blushed for the service at hearing an officer snarl at a fine, clean, upstanding young American who had volunteered to serve his country. Somewhere there was a lack of discipline among the officers—or rather somewhere there was lack of proper spirit.

"Why don't you click your heels—you national guardsmen?" snarled a brigade adjutant of the Rainbow Division. "Haven't you ever learned how to salute, you—"

Abused in Presence of Men.

The lieutenant who was being abused shamefully in the presence of his men had been on duty in the front line for 48 hours without rest. He was covered with mud from heel to head. His boots were so clogged with mire that he could not have clicked his heels in ten minutes' trying. The adjutant was brown polished and tailored and natty. It was his first visit to the front line.

"I'll teach you national guardsmen something about soldering," said the professional soldier.

He filed charges against the lieutenant, who was an officer in one of the companies of the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Regiment from Ohio. It will soon land on this side of the water. The lieutenant had a good colonel in Ben Hough, who not only fought his regiment but fought for his regiment against the regular establishment. Hough insisted that his lieutenant be given a trial and filed charges against the adjutant.

"I'll find out," said Hough, "whether an adjutant can come down into my trenches and curse an officer of mine in the presence of his men."

Well, he found out. The adjutant did not press his charges against the lieutenant because one of the unforfeitable things is to reprove an officer in the presence of his men. So the charges against the lieutenant never came to a trial. At last accounts he was still a lieutenant. He had not been promoted because of the black spot on his record—and, anyhow, he was a national guardsman.

In order to save the adjutant from being tried on the counter charge brought by the lieutenant, he was sent home on a mission. He immediately became a colonel. The regular establishment knows how to protect its own.

An Officer That's Different.

It always seemed to me that there was a decided difference in the treatment afforded the private soldier and the officer in the American army. If a private soldier was found in possession of a jug, he was pinched by the first M. P. who met him. That was the M. P.'s duty. But he also learned that it was his duty to look the other way when an officer made his way up the street in tacks and jibes.

"What's your name?" I heard an M. P. ask a drunken officer on the streets of Paris. "What's your unit?" "You go to hell," was the reply. "If you come near me I'll knock your block off."

The M. P. shrugged his shoulders and went on his way. I asked him why he did not arrest the officer, who was making a very unpleasant exhibition of himself on the streets.

"Not a chance," said he. "I ran in one officer who was worse than he was—and it was me who got bawled out and not the officer."

Consideration for Officers.

This may be dismissed as a single

COTTON ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION TO BE PERFECTED AT MEETING TODAY

Farmers, Merchants, and Other Business Men Are Urged to Attend Meeting at the Court House at 10:30 Thursday, August 7th.

For the purpose of perfecting the organization of a branch of the South Carolina Cotton association which is a branch of the American association, a meeting of the farmers, merchants, bankers and all other business men has been called to be held at the court house in Bamberg on Thursday, Aug. 7 (today).

As the cotton industry is the backbone of Bamberg county business, as well as the entire State, it is of vital interest to all classes of business men in the county to see that the organization is perfected. The American Cotton association is seeking to protect the interests of the cotton planters.

Governor Cooper has appointed the following organization committee for Bamberg county: C. W. Rentz, chairman; H. C. Folk, J. A. Wyman, W. D. Rowell, R. M. Hitt, R. M. Bruce, S. G. Mayfield, J. B. Guess, Jr., A. M. Brabham, J. J. Heard, W. B. Chitty, J. H. A. Carter, I. D. Copeland, J. F. Lancaster, R. L. Lancaster, C. R. Brabham, Sr., J. D. Copeland, Jr., S. W. Copeland, C. F. Rizer, J. K. Mayfield.

Every member of this committee is urged to attend the meeting himself and bring as many business men with him as possible. Mr. Protzman, State director, will be present and assist in the organization.

An executive committee to conduct a membership campaign will be appointed at this meeting. The membership campaign will be conducted during the last three days of August, during which time it is hoped to enroll every farmer as a member of the organization, as well as all other business men.

episode, but it remains a fact that our officers paid not the slightest attention to our M. P. in France. It often happened that when an officer "got in bad" he was sent home instead of being sent to a court-martial. There are no figures available to prove this, of course. But I have never known of an officer being treated with anything but the most distinguished consideration.

On the other hand, there was a time when enlisted men were being beaten up almost nightly in the army jail, which was under the direction of the provost marshal for Paris, and was located in the Hotel Ste. Anne, on the Rue Ste. Anne, and which at that time sheltered several of the army departments. This was unofficially brought to the attention of the army authorities, but I never heard of an officer being punished because this condition of things existed.

Sergeant Abused Privates.

"I saw one sergeant knock three men down one night," one man told me "He kicked one about the floor. Another was sent to the hospital after a beating. Another was unconscious for some time."

"What had they done?" "They had been picked up in the streets in a drunken condition, and talked back to the sergeant," was the reply.

The man who told that story is now a commissioned officer. If the army ever cared to investigate the situation, evidence might have been turned up in the tons. But no one ever did. The abused men were only enlisted men, was the army's attitude. No one would ever know anything about it. The censor would not permit any correspondent to write about it. After the war no one would care.

Somewhere in the upper reaches of the army the spirit was wholly wrong. I have never heard a French officer snarl at his men, or curse them, or call them "damned fools" and worse. Maybe French officers do, but I have neither seen nor heard them. I have known that to happen in the American army.

French Officers Courteous.

The French professional officer speaks to his men with courtesy and a smile, if that is possible. Some of our officers adopt the tone to which unfortunate New Yorkers were once accustomed in the conductors of the Third avenue horsecars. The French officer gives an order snappily, with force, and yet with a certain impersonality. Some of our officers charge their tones with brutality and insult.

Not pleasant, is it? But the fault is not in the offending officer—or not wholly in him. The fault is in the

higher officers of the American army who permit the underlings to be abusive to their men. Why is it that the American army—according to General Wood's quoted statement—had 4,000 general court-martials a year before the war, whereas the British army, twice as large, did not have two court-martials annually?

One often hears our professional soldiers boast that "we have absorbed the best of the Prussian military system." I do not think there is much doubt that before the war, we had absorbed some of the worst of it.—Herbert Corey.

Permanent Pastures.

Now is the time for selecting the location, ordering the seed and turning the land for a permanent pasture.

A permanent pasture that can be depended upon to furnish good grazing throughout the late spring and summer months is something that is far too rare in most sections of Bamberg county.

Hogs, cows, mules and horses will thrive for months and save many a bushel of corn and bale of hay when they have nourishing grasses to graze upon.

Mr. V. W. Lewis, extension animal husbandman at Clemson college, gives the following mixtures to use, according to location, per acre:

On most soils (not too sandy or poor)—Bermuda, sod; bur clover, 2-3 bushel; white clover, 3 pounds; Lespedeza, 10 pounds.

For low or wet lands—Italian rye grass, 8 pounds; red top, 10 pounds; Paspalum, 4 pounds; alsike clover, 5 pounds; white clover, 3 pounds; bur clover, 20 pounds.

The soil should be turned not too deeply about four weeks before time for seeding. Early fall seeding usually gives the best results, from September 25 to October 5. After the seed bed has been allowed to get firm after plowing, disk lightly, sow the seed and then harrow over lightly or else roll the land. For further information ask the county agent.

GEO. R. BRIGGS,
County Agent.

His Job.

"What position do you occupy in the matrimonial firm? Manager?" "No; she's that. I was the cash boy, but since the baby came I am only the floorwalker."

Appropriate Attack.

"Sure, your honor, and if I did go for the Chinese laundryman, it was all in the way of his own business."

"How was that?" "I soaked him."

DENMARK DOTS.

Items of Personal and Social Mention From Our Neighbor.

Denmark, August 2.—Mrs. Henry Zorn has been spending several weeks at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wyman.

Miss Willie Delle Hutto is enjoying a visit with relatives at Olar.

Mr. Longshore, of Newberry, has come to Denmark to make his home. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lesley regret that they will move to Sumter, where Mr. Lesley will be engaged in the lumber business.

Among the most enjoyable of the summer parties was that given by the Misses Vera and Martha Wiggins for Miss Margaret Clinkscales, of Belton, the attractive guest of Miss Clara Wyman.

Mr. Frank Steifel sustained a slight injury and shock while sawing lumber. While recuperating he spent a few days very pleasantly with relatives in Greenville.

Miss Christabel Mayfield is spending a portion of the week visiting Mrs. William Mayfield at Lees.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sturgeon are summing coolly and pleasantly at Hendersonville. An interesting feature of their vacation was the motor trip to Hendersonville with Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.

In spite of the rains the Denmark folk who camped at Blutton had a really good time. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner and family, Dr. and Mrs. Boozier, Mr. Abu and family, and Miss Gertrude Riley, of St. Matthews.

The attractive guest of Mrs. Tom McCrae is her sister, Miss Richards, of Columbia. On Friday evening, Mrs. McCrae entertained very pleasantly for her sister.

Mrs. Frank James has just returned from Barnwell, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Bonner since Dr. Bonner's death.

A wedding of much interest is that of Mr. Lucius Willis and Miss Sowell, which will take place in Lancaster next week. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Robert Willis entertained in honor of the bridegroom.

A pleasant occasion of the visit of Miss Haynesworth and Miss Norma Guess in Denmark was the party given by Mrs. Algernon Guess in their honor.

With Mrs. Rupert Hughes are her sisters, Misses Lizzie and Cora Shuler, of Holly Hill.

COLSTON CLIPPINGS.

Items of Social and Personal Mention From the Community.

Colston, August 6.—Mrs. Bertha Williams and little daughter, of Norway, Mr. Phil Padgett and children, of Ehrhardt, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. All and daughter, of Columbia, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. All last week.

Mrs. Lee Ussery, of Barnwell, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Clayton this week.

Messrs. George C. Beard and Perry Lee McMillan are at home from overseas, where they have been serving Uncle Sam. Their many friends are glad to have them back at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clayton, of Waltherboro, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clayton.

Miss Laura McMillan gave a party Saturday night in honor of her brother, Mr. Perry Lee McMillan. Everyone enjoyed the occasion very much. Miss Pearle Hutson, of Springfield, spent a few days with friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zeigler, at Ehrhardt.

Miss Aileen Beard is the pleasant guest of Miss Maggie Zeigler in Bamberg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clayton dined with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clayton on Sunday.

Miss Hermine Beard is visiting friends at Springfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Howard, of Blackville, visited friends here this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clayton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clayton, at Ehrhardt.

Blondine—Doesn't Gerty Giddigad make up something awful?

Brunetta—Yes. I don't know whether it is her eyesight that is bad—or her judgment.—Youngstown Telegram.

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COMPLETE TIE-UP NOT IMPROBABLE

RAILWAY SITUATION BECOMES MUCH MORE SERIOUS.

Movement Spreads

With Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand and Out and More Striking, Effect is Felt.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—A complete tie-up of the railroads of the country is very probable, in the opinion of M. L. Hawver, president of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shopmen's Union which called a strike of shop crafts Friday. He returned from Washington today and declared the strike is spreading rapidly and that the unrest among railway workers is so general that the movement has overshadowed the international officers of the various unions involved.

Advices today from Cleveland were that the executive board of the American Federation of Railway Workers with a membership of 20,000, chiefly unskilled labor in Cleveland and the East, had decided to strike tomorrow according to Mr. Hawver.

The Maintenance of Way Men's Union is also preparing to strike, it was said.

Number Increasing.

With more than 250,000 shopmen on strike and the number increasing both President Hawver and John D. Saunders, secretary, declared railway schedules and industry would be seriously crippled within a day or two. Alerady steel mills and other industries at Gary, and other northern Indiana points and in Chicago have begun to feel the effects of the strike, according to union leaders, and when the strike is more complete factories and mills virtually will be forced to close down for lack of ore, coal and other essentials.

"This movement is spreading like wild fire and we are not going to lay down until we get our demands," said President Hawver. "It has not received the indorsement of our grand lodge presidents although they now are getting ready for a strike August 24. But we are going ahead and are receiving many messages telling of more men out, or to go out.

"The seriousness of the situation seems to be better understood in the East than out here.

"In Washington the executive committee has been repudiated and the grievance committee of 78 members, representing all railway workers has been negotiating with the railroad administration. Director General Hines, while stating he is favorable towards workers, has said that there are only two ways to meet our demands—a congressional appropriation or increased freight rates.

Complete Tie-Up.

"More and more it appears to be that a complete tie-up of the roads is to be the outcome. Advices from Cleveland today were that the American Federation of Railway Workers will strike tomorrow.

"The Maintenance of Way Employees Union, with headquarters in Detroit, likewise is ready to strike, we understand."

Additions to the strike of shopmen reported today by Secretary Saunders were the Illinois Central shops at Memphis, and Kankahee; Lake Erie and Western, whole system; Wabash, whole system; Indian Harbor Belt Line, all out.

Advices stated, according to the secretary, that all men of the Chicago & Western Indiana and the Iron Range Lines will go out at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and those of all roads entering Indianapolis would strike Tuesday.

Crawford—Since he became a magnate his expenses are enormous.

Crabshaw—No wonder. He hires a doctor to keep him out of bed and a lawyer to keep him out of jail.—Life.

The only sure way of getting these demobilized boys up to breakfast will be to introduce an army bugle into every home and have mother trained to sound reveille at the proper moment.

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