

## BYRNES MAY BE MINORITY LEADER

WHAT WILL DEMOCRATS DO IN THE NEXT CONGRESS?

Many Questions Up.

Champ Clark Goes to the Relic Room, and "Jimmy" Byrnes is Looming Big as Minority Horse.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Washington is alive with interesting gossip concerning what the Democrats in congress will do at the beginning of the extra session, which in all probability will be called for about March 15.

There is always more than the usual amount of cloak room talk when the names of such men as Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina, Frank Clark, of Florida, Charley Crisp and others of Georgia, are mentioned and that it will be decidedly up to these Democratic war horses to do more than their ordinary amount of work in the next congress.

It is a good thing that such men as Clark, Byrnes and Crisp are in the house, with the defeat of Champ Clark, of Missouri, the promotion of Tom Hefflin to the senate, and the practical demolition generally of the Democratic organization in the house.

The Georgia delegation will return to Washington for the extra session with not even a dent in the house side, but with a big cavernous hole made in the senate by the defeat of Senator Hoke Smith. With Charley Crisp, are Wise, Gordon, Lee, Larsen, Wright, Overstreet and others who will be called upon to put on the battle armor from the very moment the strife begins.

"Jimmie" Byrnes will lead the Democratic hosts on the painfully evident "minority" side of the house chamber for the men from the Palmetto state, and Frank Clark, old seasoned war horse that he is, will take care of Florida's interests. In this connection it is also interesting to note that when the smoke of battle has cleared away and it is ascertained reliably who is elected and who is not that all the members of the delegations from the states named have moved up the ladder. There is possibly an exception to be noted in the case of Mr. Clark inasmuch as he was chairman of the house committee on buildings and grounds when the Democrats were in control of the house and is now "ranking Democrat" on all important committees to which he wishes to belong.

It will also be ascertained that the other members of the delegation from Florida—Drane, Sears and Smithwick, have moved up as the result of so many Democrats getting the axe. In South Carolina, with changes in three districts, where Turner Logan will succeed R. S. Whaley in the first, John J. McSwain succeeding Sam J. Nichols in the fourth, and H. P. Fulmer taking the place of Ed. C. Mann in the seventh, the last named members will for a time be known as "baby" members. There is every reason to think, however, that at least one of them, Mr. McSwain, will soon evolve himself from his congressional crib and proclaim himself full grown man and member, entitled to all the rights and privileges and benefits and other emoluments incident and appertaining to his membership in the house. These three members must go to the foot of the ladder so far as committee places are concerned but that will not prevent them from talking out in meeting whenever they get ready to do it.

With negroes contesting seats from almost every southern state the house will have more than their hands full. Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina will furnish the pyrotechnics for the occasion.

Aaron Prioleau, he of the aristocratic name, hailing from Charleston, who got more than fifteen thousand dollars from the federal treasury because of fictitious contests rigged up year after year from the first congressional district, is not an active participant this year in these farces.

There is not, of course, a scintilla of evidence to show that any of the southern darkies are making these fake contests for any other reason than that of securing a slice of government money, but it is likely that though they will not be seated, they will be permitted to secure the \$2,000 fee.

There is much gossip here now as to what course Former Congressman Tom Hefflin of Alabama, who goes to the senate next month, will take when

## NOT IN GREAT HURRY.

Democrats Adopt Watchful Waiting Policy.—Republicans Act.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The big pulsating question among politicians this week has been whether or not the Democratic party would be reorganized at this time, and if so upon what lines. This movement has been given a set back by the cold, straight statement of Congressman Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina, that it would be better if those who are worth anything had done more real acting at the right time and less talking now at the wrong time.

There will be a reorganization but not now, and along this line the Washington Post today made some pertinent suggestions, saying:

"There is little wonder that the gentlemen who have been trying to tinker with the wreckage of the Democratic party have made small progress. The task is for the political mechanic and thus far the real genius of the party has not tackled the job. For one thing it is too soon after the smash-up. Some parts of the dismantled machine are still hot from the force of the compact. It will be well to tarry until things cool off a bit and this policy of watchful waiting, it would seem, is about the only plan that has been adopted."

Following up this idea, it it pointed out that there is no reason whatever for hopelessness, or even of discouragement on the part of the Democratic leaders. If patience and prudence guide the leaders it is not unlikely that the tremendous Republican victory all along the line this year may be entirely reversed in 1924. The reasons for this assumption are not far to seek. The Republican party has taken upon itself a burden, the like of which has never been equaled in the country's history and unless there are superhuman in congress it would, indeed, be most difficult to put into effect any great part of what has been paraded before the people as listed achievements of the G. O. P.

Republican leaders profess to say that the Democratic reorganization will come within two or three months. They are wrong. It will not come certainly until after the Republicans have shown their capacity either to carry out their promises made before the election or their capacity to redeem themselves in their solemn pledges of reformation. They must cut taxes, reduce the cost of living, build up a big foreign business, reestablish the deflated and debased foreign currency, enact legislation in the interest of the man who offered his life overseas, offer better facilities for education, build better roads, do something to make the provisions of the Volstead act more effective instead of being a loophole by which to evade the law, do something for the woman voters who were largely responsible for the sweeping victory, and perform many other modern wonders and miracles written on their legislative slate.

It is undoubtedly true that there is need for reorganization and up-building in nearly every northern and western state, but when the Democratic leaders go about this task they will do so without the advice or assistance of Republican organs, which are now heaping unsolicited suggestions upon them. The big men of the Democratic party will reconstruct it if necessary and it would be well for the G. O. P. to give attention to its own affairs lest there be a reversal of this year's interesting events in the near future.—P. H. McGowan.

## New Source of Food.

The common cattail (Typha latifolia) has been developed into usefulness through Germany's period of scarcity. The leaves contain about 33 per cent. of fiber, which is somewhat less fine and white than cotton and nettle fibers, but by improved manufacture is claimed to be proving equal to wool for many purposes. Besides this fiber, the plant has a large food supply. Its roots yield 25 or 30 per cent. of starch and sugar, and this is found suitable for use by man as well as by cattle.

Such men as Moses, of New Hampshire, Spencer, of Missouri, and others begin their annual attacks on the people of the south.

The Alabama man was never known to run from a fight and those who can see ahead are proud to say that Tom Hefflin will not go wanting in this respect in the near future, with a Republican in the white house and both the house and the senate of the same complexion.—Washington dispatch to Augusta Chronicle.

## McLAURIN'S BANK FOUND NOT SOUND

EXAMINER ORDERS INSTITUTION LIQUIDATED.

To Ask Receiver.

President's Personal Liabilities and Worthless Securities Causes Action to be Taken.

Columbia, Nov. 14.—Close examination of the affairs of the Mutual Savings bank, of Bennettsville disclosed that the institution was not sound and a petition to the circuit court to appoint a receiver will be made during this week, State Bank Examiner Craig announced upon his return from Bennettsville yesterday. This bank is the institution headed by Thomas B. McLaurin, who disappeared early last week and was not found until several days later. It will be remembered that a note was found on the river bank at Blewett Falls, N. C., which indicated that the bank president had committed suicide.

Following this note several days were spent in search of the missing man until he was located in Atlanta and was carried to a sanitarium in North Carolina by members of the family, where he is now, it is said.

Immediately after Mr. McLaurin's disappearance it was feared that the financial status of the bank was not sound and James H. Craig, state bank examiner, went to Bennettsville to examine the books of the institution. Mr. Craig returned yesterday and his report shows that the bank president had made loans and transactions that were unknown to the directors and that did not appear as liabilities.

Mr. Craig yesterday conferred with Attorney General Wolfe as to the appointment of a receiver and these two officials will go before the nearest circuit judge during the week to ask for a receiver. In the meantime the bank will remain closed.

"My examination disclosed that the bank was carrying as security to loans certificates of the Bennettsville warehouse which were bogus or worthless," Mr. Craig said. "We further found that the president had made large personal obligations to the bank and with other banks and parties for his own benefit which he indorsed as president of the bank, but which he concealed from the liabilities of the bank."

"Aside from the worthless securities, pledged in the form of worthless certificates, and the personal liabilities of the president, the bank was found solid. These, however, were of such proportions that with the approval of the board of directors we decided to close the bank. If the president and his family were to make good these worthless securities and hidden liabilities, the depositors could be paid in full," the state examiner said.

## Mrs. Mollie Hiers Dead.

Walterboro, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Mollie Hiers Miley, wife of R. R. Miley, county treasurer, died at the Clara EsDorn infirmary early Friday morning, following an illness of several weeks. The remains were taken to her former home at Lodge and interment took place at Carter's Ford cemetery Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Miley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hiers, of Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Miley had been married 16 years. She was a consistent member of the Walterboro Baptist church and was noted for her piety and many womanly charms. Her pastor, the Rev. J. P. Graham, and the Rev. M. J. Kiser and the Rev. W. T. Bedenbaugh were present and took part in the funeral service.

Mrs. Miley is survived by her husband and the following children: Gerald, Alma, Janie, Zoey and an infant son, R. R., Jr., who is only three weeks old. She is also survived by her father and mother and one sister, Miss Thelma Hiers, of Lodge.

Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 12.—Mildred Harris Chaplin was granted a decree of divorce from Charlie Chaplin in the superior court here late today.

Mr. Chaplin, whom Mrs. Chaplin charged with cruelty, was not in the court, but represented by attorneys. It was stated that a property settlement, involving about \$200,000, had been made out of court and an agreement reached by which Mrs. Chaplin would not use the name of Chaplin professionally.

## ALL AMENDMENTS PASSED.

Electors of South Carolina Enact 32 Changes in Constitution.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—Every amendment to the constitution as put before the people in the general election of November 2 passed with a safe margin, judging by returns from 38 counties received by the state board of canvassers. Five amendments applied to the state as a whole and 28 to local communities or districts.

Probably the most important of the 33 provisions to change the constitution were the change of the fiscal year and the change allowing the legislature to pass local or special laws regulating the compensation of county officers. Another important amendment that has apparently passed was the one empowering county authorities to assess abutting property for permanent highways.

Returns from 38 of the 46 counties have been received by the state board of canvassers and these have not yet been tabulated. The board will meet at a future date and determine the results. The vote on the constitutional amendments was extremely light, being considerably off from the state and county officers.

The change of the fiscal year led all the amendments in the 38 counties reporting, receiving 8,504 votes for and 3,305 against. Outstanding ballots will not change the result as all the larger counties are in. This change is causing some speculation among those who follow the state government closely. The fiscal year will now run from July 1 to June 30, instead of from January 1 to December 31. Whether or not the general assembly will appropriate for 18 months rather than 12 at its next meeting is being generally talked and this will cause somewhat of a stir due to the possibility of a much higher tax levy for the year and a half.

The budget commission is gradually preparing its recommendations to the general assembly and it is not taking into consideration this change, it was said yesterday. That the change has been made seems assured, although the official tabulation has not been made.

## Can Regulate Pay.

The next statewide amendment that has been passed is also causing some interest. It provides that the general assembly can enact local or special legislation as to the compensation of county officers. The amendment was to strike out Subsection 10 of Section 34 of Article 3 of the constitution. Article 3 says: "The general assembly of this state shall not enact local or special laws concerning any of the following subjects or for any of the following purposes—" Subsection 10 says: "To fix the amount or manner of compensation to be paid to any county officer except that the laws may be so made as to grade the compensation in proportion to the population and necessary service required." The amendment was to strike out this subsection so the general assembly could enact such legislation and the amendment has carried. The vote in the 38 counties was 7,875 for and 5,206 against.

The vote on the amendment to allow county authorities to assess abutting property for permanent improvement to highways was 7,978 for and 3,242 against.

Two other statewide amendments changing the constitution so as to add a provision to the section relating to waterworks and plants for furnishing lights so as to include ice manufacturing plants and also to empower cities and towns to acquire and operate ice plants were also voted on favorably by the people of the state.

## Five Counties Against.

Five counties out of the 38 voted "agin" the amendments and notably among the five was Charleston on the change relating to the compensation of county officers. Charleston voted 318 for this amendment and 2,323 against. On the amendment as to the assessing of abutting property this county changed and voted 2,549 for and only 110 against. Charleston also voted favorably on the fiscal year change, the total being 2,519 for and 110 against. The returns from Lee county indicate that only two amendments were voted on, one being as to the compensation of county officers which received 18 votes for and 281 against. Hampton county and Florence county voted against the amendments from start to finish. Sumter also seemed to be against amending the constitution, voting "no" on all propositions of statewide interest.

Charleston and Spartanburg counties polled the heaviest vote in the

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS FACES PROBLEM

MUST INDUCE UNITED STATES TO ENTER.

Entrance is Vital.

Opinion Given by Hon. P. Pueyrredon, Ministers of Foreign Affairs for Argentina.

Paris, Nov. 11.—One of the most important problems to come before the assembly of the league of nations at its coming meeting in Geneva will be that of finding some way of bringing the United States into the league, in the opinion of Hon. P. Pueyrredon, Argentine minister of foreign affairs, as expressed here today.

M. Pueyrredon, who is a delegate to the assembly, will leave for Geneva Friday night and will appear before the assembled delegates as soon as he can find an opportunity, he said, to point out to them that the participation of America in the league is fundamental to the very existence of that organization.

"I think it a great pity that the United States is not already an active participant in the league," he said. "While I do not say that the league should be abandoned because America has not joined it, I firmly believe that the entrance is vital if the league is to be a virile functioning body for the prevention of wars."

"The country which has always stood for and fought for right and justice and which must become a party to the almost divine mission which a real world league has before it. My trip to France and to the battlefields has simply made my convictions firmer that there must be a league of nations. I am afraid that was has not been ended, but, on the contrary, has just begun, and unless a strong league is brought into existence the world will again see a struggle more frightful than the one just finished."

"I am a firm believer in the league, if it is to be one of action, not of words, and in this I express the views of my countrymen."

"Just what can be done to bring America into the league remains to be seen, but the problem must be studied and a solution found. I may suggest some plan, or just put an idea into the heads of the delegates. I am going before the assembly with this idea. I wish to say that no country has suggested the step. I am merely doing what I regard as my duty."

## Quits Ministry to Pay Alimony.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 16.—It is extreme cruelty for a minister to remain in his pulpit at \$93 a month, when he has a wife and five children to support, common pleas Judge F. C. Phillips declared in an opinion handed down in a divorce suit filed by Rev. Benjamin A. Sherwin against his wife today.

Judge Phillips refused to grant Rev. Sherwin a divorce, and ordered that he pay his wife \$60 a month alimony. Custody of their five children was given to Mrs. Sherwin.

"I consider it extreme cruelty for a man with a wife and five children to remain at his job, even though it be that of minister, which pays only \$93 a month. An able-bodied man such as you are should have taken up some other profession," Judge Phillips declared.

Sherwin now has secured employment as a machinist.

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state in the 38 counties so far reporting.

In the sixth and seventh congressional districts where the Democrats had opposition the total vote shows that the two Republicans received only a handful of ballots as compared with their opponents. L. A. Hawkins, negro, who opposed H. P. Fulmer in this district, and T. St. Mark Sasportas, of St. George, who opposed W. Turner Logan in the first district, have both filed protests against the declaring of the results. Hawkins claims that many of the polls were not opened on time and that some of the precincts did not open at all. He also alleges that many citizens were not allowed to register. Sasportas does not give any reason for his protest, merely saying that he contests the election, apparently on general principles.

## THE JENNY'S FAIR.

Correspondent Tells of Splendid Community Enterprise.

Jennys, Nov. 12.—The community fair here did Allendale county proud today. The fruits of both field and farm were marvels; specimens of every product grown in South Carolina was in evidence, and the specimens were as fine as ever shown anywhere in the state.

The ladies' department was exquisite, works of art of every sort made each booth a veritable dream, and in going through them one would conclude that every lady in the county was an artist in her line. Canned fruits and vegetables were galore.

The live stock and poultry exhibit was an eye-opener, showing that the homes of Allendale county are well prepared for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so also for the whole of the new year 1921. And the bacon booth was odorous with old hams and meat products of the season's slaughter.

The exhibits of free hand drawing from the Fairfax academy deserves special mention. The work looked more like that of trained hands than that of amateurs.

Two black opossums captured in the Salkahatchie were on exhibit, and wore a smile for every observer. This specimen is very rare, for the common opossum is grey. The pelt of a hybrid animal, evidently a cross between the raccoon and red fox attracted much attention. The red fox is a newcomer here, being introduced by northern tourists wintering at Aiken.

Captain J. W. Jenny had on exhibit the roll of the company in which he entered the Confederate service, also his parole signed by Col. Hagood at Appomattox.

And it was Captain Jenny, Agents Robertson and Tyler that were the prime movers. Miss Tyler's comic troupe made up of actors from the towns of Allendale, Fairfax, Ulmers and Jennys, delighted a crowded house tonight. The acting was far from being "bum."

Hon. J. E. Swearingen was on hand and was the orator of the day.

A. W. BRABHAM.

## FIVE SEATS CONTESTED.

Democrats Will Hold 132 Places in the Next House.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Notice of five contests for seats in the next house of representatives already have been filed with W. T. Page, clerk of the house, and Mr. Page said today he expected that at least fifteen seats would be contested.

The contests filed involves the seats of five Democrats: Representative J. W. Rainey, of the fourth Illinois district, and Soath, of the Fifth Illinois district; Stanley H. Kunz, of the eighth Illinois district; John J. Kindred, of the second New York district, and F. B. Swank, of the fifth Oklahoma district.

A revised list of members of the new house as reported by the clerk of the house and based on unofficial reports of the election, shows 302 Republicans, 132 Democrats and one Socialist. First reports to the clerk a week ago indicated that the next house would be composed of 307 Republicans, 127 Democrats and one Socialist.

## Wright-Rhodes.

The many friends of Butler Rhodes and Miss Elizabeth Wright will be interested to learn of their marriage which took place Sunday morning at the manse of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Jos. R. Sevier officiating. The wedding was a quiet one with only a few close friends present. The bride looked lovely in a brown silk one-piece gown and smart brown and blue hat. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Atlanta and on their return will have apartments at 413 Ellis street.

Mrs. Rhodes is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Russell Wright. She was one of the most popular of her class at Tubman, and is a beautiful and charming girl who has many friends and admirers. Mr. Rhodes is the son of Mrs. T. A. McAllister and is one of the most highly esteemed young men of the city. He is a valued employee of the Central road and has a host of friends who will unite in sincere congratulations and good wishes.—Augusta Chronicle.

Mrs. Rhodes formerly resided in Bamberg, where she has many acquaintances, who join in wishing her and Mr. Rhodes much happiness.