SAYS GOOD-BY TO WASHINGTON

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Leaves for His Illinois Home.

HE IS NOT OUT OF POLITICS

A PRIVATE CITIZEN WITHOUT PERSONAL AMBITION.

The Former Speaker Says He Does Not Feel Tired and Is in Just as Good Condition as He Ever Was. Wanted to Travel Once, but Has No Such Desires Now, and Will Only Go as Far as the Yazoo Country—Waded Through a Mass of Documents.

Washington, March 16.—Joseph Gurney Cannon, private citizen, went home today after nearly 40 years of public service. Unattended, the ertswhile "Czar of the House" picked up his gripsack and started for Danville, Vermillion county, Ill.

Uncle Joe and two big cedar boxes left together. The boxes contained the private letters and documents of a long series of years in the midst of Washington's political turmoil. It took weeks to sort them out from the accumulation of the former Speaker's letter files.

"Well, I'm through," sighed Uncle Joe, as he straightened up after closing the last box, shook the dust from his hands and rumpled his scanty gray hair. "I've had a devil of a job getting rid of stuff. I must have had thousands of newspaper clippings and cartoons, besides my letters and papers. They were all worth keeping when I gathered them, and I had a hard time weeding them out. Most of them were clever, but scarcely of a complimentary nature," and Uncle Joe's keen gray eyes twinkled reminiscently.

NO TRAVELING FOR HIM.

"What are you going to do back home?" he was asked.

He rubbed his head reflectively, hoisted himself to the edge of the table, wrapping his long legs about the back of a chair and began:

"Well, my business is in pretty good shape. I've got a little bank stock, and that is pretty well organized. My farm land is well handled. I guess I'll just look around a little bit. When I was young I wanted to travel, but I was too busy earning a living. Now I don't care much about it. The folks are planning a grand trip around the world—China, India, Japan, the Philippines and all the rest of it—"

Uncle Joe stroked his beard a moment, and then, leaning forward, confidentially, remarked:

"But I'm not going. I may take a little run through Mississippi and Arkansas, where I want to look over some land for investment in the Yazoo and St. Francis country, but that will be about all of the traveling I'll do.

STILL IN POLITICS.

"I'm not tired. I feel just as well as I ever did, but I suppose that is because I'm the old devil they say I am."

"Will you continue in politics?"

He pondered a minute, then replied.

"When I lose interest in politics you can bet I'll be dead. I will still be in politics, as a private citizen—then, as an afterthought—without personal ambitions."

The former Speaker thought he might stop off on his way home to visit Representative Martin Olmstead, one of his old adherents in the House, at Harrisburg, Pa.

THREE DEATHS AT SEA

Game on Shipboard Brings Fatal Attack of Apoplexy to Woman.

New York, March 16.—Three deaths at sea occurred on the liner Baltic, which arrived today from Liverpool. To the excitement of a close game of shuffleboard played on deck last Friday was attributed the death of Mrs. Minnie McNea, of Vancouver, B. C. She died shortly afterward from an attack of apoplexy. The body was brought to port for burial in Canada. Her death cut short a romance, as Mrs. McNea was engaged to George F. Williams, a prosperous Canadian, whom she expected to marry shortly after landing. The other deaths were those of infants.

THREE BOYS DROWN

Their Canoe Carried Over Falls in Schuylkill River.

Reading, Pr., March 16.—Three boys, ranging in age from 17 to 19 years, were drowned today when their canoe was whirled over the falls in the Schuylkill River, near Haines Locks. Although warned by friends that the swollen condition of the river made it dangerous, the lads—William E. Uxley, Charles Uxley, brothers, and Paul Wetter — launched their craft. When in midstream the boys lost control of their canoe in the swift current and were carried over the falls. The bodies have not been recovered.

Union Organizers In Charleston.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charleston, W. Va., March 16.—A dozen union organizers are reported to be in Charleston tonight, and will tomorrow go into various sections of the Kanawha and New River districts to assist those now in the field in organizing the miners, presumably for the general strike that may be called on April 1.

President White, of the international organization, is expected here Tuesday or Wednesday for a conference with local union leaders and with Governor Hatfield. Overtures for individual agreements between coal companies and their employes are still pending it is claimed.

Penny a Day for D. A. R.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 16.—Mrs. Anna Willard Block, of Chicago, has inaugurated a plan of securing a penny a day from every member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is calculated in a year to pay off the remaining debt of the society's beautiful memorial, Continental Hall, in Washington. The plan is receiving wide approval and at the coming congress, in April, the movement will be officially set on foot. The election of a president general, the race for which is between Mrs. William Cumming Story, of New York city; Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Charles M. Bryan, of Tennessee, will occupy much attention at the congress.

Trailing Jewelry Thieves.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 16.—Burns' detectives, in co-operation with Chief of Police Sylvester, of Washington, D. C., are trying to recover in this city $3,500 worth of jewelry which was stolen from a hotel there during the inauguration. The property is owned by a woman whose initials are "F. M. K." Among the stolen articles were a diamond princess ring valued at $650 and a five-diamond ring said to be worth $375. Several of the pieces bear the owner's initials, one of these being an A. T. N. E badge, a Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity pin and an Ely School pin.

TOO CHILLY FOR A SPRING SHOW

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matron dared to come forth in an all-white costume of brocaded satin bordered with sable. She wore a white-plumed picture hat and white satin shoes embroidered in rhinestones.

BRILLIANT SCENES.

In striking contrast to the dullness without, all was merry in the hotel exchanges, with their wonderful decorations of spring flowers. Here women were arrayed in lovely new frocks and brilliant jewels. This was particularly so in the evening, when the guests assembled to attend the concerts. Most of the hotels had special soloists for tonight. Nothing was left undone so far as the entertainment of the guests was concerned, and most of the patrons accepted the unpleasant weather optimistically. Now and then some one would go up to a hotel desk and innocently ask, "Is the weather always like this at Atlantic City?"

An elderly woman approached the clerk at the Seaside House exclaiming, "I never saw such weather as this in my life. If I ever get back to Colorado I will never come East again"

The depressing climatic conditions had a marked effect on the Baltimoreans, for there were fewer representatives from the Monumental City on the walk today than there has been for several seasons.

Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, of New York, and a party of eight arrived at the Traymore last night, and took a beach-front suite for over Palm Sunday. Mrs. Vanderbilt was one of the most conservatively gowned women on the walk. In Mrs. Vanderbilt's party are Miss Coster, Miss Hare and Mrs. Vanderbilt, Miss May anderbilt, Miss Sydney S. Breese, Miss H. Dorothea Kane, Miss Pearson and Miss O'Brien.

SOME OF THE GOWNS.

Charlemagne Tower, former ambassador to Germany, and Mrs. Tower viewed the passing throngs from the veranda of the Traymore this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dulaney, who are fond of Atlantic City, joined the after-church parade. Mrs. Dulaney wore a handsome dark blue serge costume and a black Milan chapeau with numedie plumes.

Mrs. Andrew J. Lawler, Miss Marie Lawler and Elmo Lawler viewed the Palm Sunday pageant from a rolling chair. Mrs. Lawler wore an all-black costume with ermine stole. Miss Lawler topped her dark blue foulard frock with a stunnig coat of terra cotta brocaded ratine. She wore a small dark blue chapeau, in harmony with her gown.

Miss Madge Stokes, who has been dividing her time this winter between Baltimore and Florida, returned to her seashore cottage to enjoy Palm Sunday. Miss Stokes wore a most becoming hat of violet taffeta with a narrow brim of violet straw. The only adornment was a tiny garland of spring blossoms. Her coat suit was of black broadcloth, trimmed with baby lamb fur.

Miss Dolly Marie Cambios chose a Francis model of brown and black checked tweed, garnitured with black satin. A Tuscan straw turban with a brown plume completed her attire.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cummings were on the walk with Miss Agnes Quinn and Miss Mary Quinn. Mrs. Cummings wore a black severely tailored coat suit and a black chapeau simply adorned with a black paradise plume placed beneath the brim. Miss Agnes Quinn wore a black velvet costume and a green straw chapeau with a green plume. Miss Mary Quinn also chose a black velvet costume and a black-plumed chapeau.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Colton Deal and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Schmidt viewed the Boardwalk gathering from the deck of the Marlborough-Blenheim. Other Baltimoreans at the Blenheim for over Palm Sunday are L. B. Keene Clagett, L. D. Mason, Mrs. Ralph Robinson, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cochran.

Miss V. C. Parker is at Craig Hall with Mrs. R. B. Smith.

OTHER BALTIMOREANS.

Baltimoreans at the Runnymede over the week-end include Miss Lillie Schwauffer, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brew, J. S. Dickinson.

Miss M. K. Boone and Miss C. G. Smith came down in their car and are at the Dennis, where they will remain until after Easter. Mrs. William R. Howard and Mrs. Walter P. Duvall are also at the Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Carey, who have been at the Pennhurst for a week, decided to terminate their seashore visit because of the inclement weather and returned to Baltimore on Saturday.

Mrs. William A. Tottle and Miss Bertha E. Johnson are at the Holmhurst. Mrs. Tottle will return to Baltimore on Monday, but Miss Johnson will remain until after Easter.

Mrs. Ralph Rover is at the Cheltenham Revere, with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jones, of Ridgely, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis, of Cranbrook, Catonsville, Md., have taken apartments at the St. Charles until after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jenkins are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright at their cottage, on Maryland avenue south.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weinberg have taken apartments at the Royal Palace for the week.

Baltimoreans spending the week at the Wiltshire are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rawling, J. A. Blondell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Mrs. T. O. Crouse, Miss Charlotte Crouse, Mrs. Joseph A. Grindall.

At the Glaslyn Chatham are Mr. and Mrs. John E. Geist, Mrs. A. A. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth W. Crummer, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Renouf, Mrs. Hollijes, Miss M. E. Hollijes, J. E. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Stabler have joined friends at the Traymore.

Miss E. I. Thompson is at the Pennhurst with a party of friends.

THE LID ON TIGHT

No Sunday Work at Any of the Federal Departments.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
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Washington, March 16.

The Sunday lid is on tighter at the White House and State, War and Navy buildings today than ever before. Following out the ideas of President Wilson, the subordinates for the most part took the day off, even though for years they have been following the rule of doing some Sunday work.

Secretary Joseph P. Tumulty paid no visit to the executive offices. The Secretaries of the State, War and Navy Departments were absent and their assistant secretaries likewise observed the rule of one day off in seven.

Executive Clerk Forster was at the White House today about noon, but even at that he was taking more of a day off than had been his custom for 16 years past. In the future the lid rule probably will be observed even more strictly than now. Only such work as is absolutely necessary will be done in the White House and the departments.

Practically the only bureaus open in the Navy Department today were those of operations and radio service, and medicine and surgery. Routine matters in these branches needing immediate attention compelled the officials to stay on their jobs. The remainder of the big building wore a sepulchral air.

Mine Headhouse Burned.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charleston, W. Va., March 16.—Fire early tonight destroyed the headhouse at the head of the long incline of the Black Cat mine, near Crown Hill, on the Kanawha River, and within the martial law district. The mine is owned by the Southwestern Splint Fuel Company and employed union labor. It was impossible tonight to ascertain whether the fire was of incendiary origin, but bloodhounds were called for and officers sent to investigate. The loss is estimated at not to exceed $2,000. L. B. Bryden, of Grafton, is president of the company.

SNAPSHOTS OF MEN IN PRESIDENT WILSON'S CABINET

JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Secretary of Navy.

WILLIAM B. WILSON,
Secretary of Labor.

ALBERT S. BURLESON,
Postmaster General.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD,
Secretary of Commerce.

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L. M. GARRISON,
Secretary of War.

NEW REVOLT IN MEXICO GROWS

GOVERNMENT TRIES TO MINIMIZE ITS STRENGTH.

Carranza Reported to Have 4,000 Men, Many of Whom Are State Troops—In Control of the International Railway — But Few of the Warlike Zapatas to Be Trusted as to Yielding.

Mexico City, March 16.—There is a wide variance between official and unofficials reports received in the capital regarding the magnitude of Mexico's latest revolution. Information from sources heretofore reliable make it appear that Carranzas revolt is far more formidable than the government reports would indicate.

According to the government, the rebel governor of Coahuila holds no towns, commands not more than 400 men and is chiefly occupied in running away from the government troops.

Private advices say he holds Lampazos and Bustamente, in the State of Nuevo Leon, and Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, in the State of Coahuila, and that he has at least 4,000 men, many of whom are state troops, under his command. Furthermore, it is reported, on the same authority, that Carranza practically is in control of the Mexican International Railway and is operating portions of it, and has so damaged the National Railroad between Monterey and Laredo that to repair it will require considerable time, even when the management is given an opportunity to do so.

The public and press of Mexico City, anxious for peace, have been optimistic, but are now beginning to receive with doubts the reports of dwindling revolutionary movements, especially in the north. Accurate information is difficult to obtain, and there is reason to believe that even the government has been badly informed in many cases.

HUERTA ON WILSON

Admires Latter's Attitude Toward Southern Republics.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Mexico City, March 16.—President Huerta, in an interview with The American's correspondent, tonight said:

"I take great pleasure in stating that my personal opinion regarding President Woodrow Wilson's statements regarding the attitude of his government toward the Latin-American republics is one of sincere admiration. His statements are highly satisfactory because they are valuable proof that good relations will continue between our country and your great republic. Such harmony has a strong basis of political solidarity, common interests and ideals. Such sentiments as President Wilson expresses are to be expected from the intellectual and moral personality, who has commenced to govern the destinies of the powerful American Union."

THE WARLIKE ZAPATAS

Most of These Jailbirds Are Unwilling to Surrender.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Mexico City, March 16.—Evidence that the Zapata men are not all willing to surrender was shown yesterday in the State of Morelos, when a band of 350 followers of Zapata, under Chief Gustavo Fuentes, while on their way to Cuautla to submit, was attacked by another band of Zapata men numbering 600. Fuentes' men were defeated after a short fight; several were seriously wounded and 80 taken prisoners, while the remainder escaped with their chief.

Many of the Zapata foliowers are jail birds who have been liberated from prisons in one way or another in the past two years, and they are afraid that they will be thrown into prison again even though they surrender under the general amnesty agreement, for this covers only political crimes. It is felt that these men, who number many hundreds of the most daring and fearless men under Zapata, will have to be hunted down and exterminated, a process which may take months, as the country is very wild and mountainous. At present the government is unable to spare enough troops from the Sonora campaign to get after the Zapata men.

In the meantime, the administration is haggling with Zapata over terms of submission, one of which is his demand that Governor Leyvan, of Morelos, be removed and some man friendly to him given the office. Huerta declines to make this move, saying he cannot interfere with the state administration of Morelos. The worst element under Zapata is deserting his ranks and enlisting under De La O, who can be depended upon to fight until the last.

The Sonora revolution is daily becoming more serious and is putting the government to the utmost of its resources to prepare the campaign there. Military experts are laughing at the announced plan of the government to throw 20,000 men into the State of Sonora in the very near future. These experts say that it cannot be done within at least a month, and even a large portion of the federal troops will consist of former rebels, who cannot be depended upon to remain loyal to the government under all conditions.

BIG SIEGE GUNS BANG SCUTARI

A PORTION OF CITY REPORTED TO BE IN FLAMES.

Return of Milder Weather Causes Confronting Armies to Get at It Again—A Sharp Engagement on the Tchatalja Lines—Turks Lose 300 Killed and Wounded—1,570 Turks Are Captured.

London, March 16.—With the improvement in weather conditions, the armies in the Near East have become more active, although thus far no news of a pitched battle of any importance has come through.

According to official reports issued at Sofia, both the Bulgarians and Turks at Tchatalja have been moving, and reconnoitering parties have been in collision. In one case a rather sharp engagement resulted. Two Bulgarian parties sent out in the direction of Akalon took a redoubt to the east of that village at the point of the bayonet. The Turks, having been reinforced, tried to recapture it, but in the attack lost 300 dead and wounded, who were left on the field. The same day the Turks advanced toward Kadikeui, but were repulsed.

According to Constantinople reports conditions in the Gallipoli peninsula are quiet. An engagement in the Tchatalja district is reported, the Turkish warships bombarding the Bulgarian positions at Silivri, but with what result is not known.

Late advices say the Montenegrin siege guns have begun a fierce bombardment of Scutari, a portion of which is in flames.

The Greeks continue to gather in stray bodies of Turks. Near Arnitsa the Greek cavalry captured two Turkish battalions comprising 1,570 men and 30 officers.

A Belgrade dispatch says that 119 men were killed during the Hamidieh's bombardment of the Servians on the Adriatic Coast.

There is no prospect of the acceptance by Turkey of the peace terms as proposed by the allies. Dispatches from Constantinople tonight say that the leading members of the Committee of Union and Progress have decided that the conditions should not be accepted, and it is understood that the Council of Ministers has adopted the same view.

At other capitals and among the ambassadors in London the allies' demands are considered extravagant, especially with regard to the payment of indemnity and the cession of Scutari and the Aegean Islands.

In the meantime the agitation against Bulgaria continues in Greece. The Greeks in Thrace and Eastern Macedonia have sent a petition to Athens against their incorporation by Bulgaria. Premier Venizeles, in reply, boldly declared that he long ago had notified the allies that Greece laid no claim to Thrace. This announcement, which mas made in the chamber of deputies, aroused vigorous protests.

FRENCH MILITARY SPIRIT

The Antis Also Raise a Big Racket in the City of Paris.

Paris, March 16.—The new military spirit dominated a quarter of a million Frenchmen, who today surrounded the reviewing field at Vincennes, where 30,000 troops saluted President Poincaire. Throughout the great assemblage groups of young men chanted for three years of army service in cadences that sounded not unlike an American college yell.

In other quarters of Paris large anti-militarist meetings were held by Socialists. The favorite cry at these gatherings was an exhortation to "spit upon" the three years' service plan. Several violent encounters occurred when militarists tried to prevent the display of the red flag. Several persons were injured and many arrests were made.

Grizzly Bear Becoming Extinct.

Sacramento, March 16.—The grizzly bear is fast becoming extinct in California. The State Fish and Game Commission reported today that of the hundreds that used to roam the Sierras, barely a half dozen are known to remain. The report says that 30,000 deer are killed annually in the state, 20,000 by mountain lions and coyotes.

MUSIC WITH NEWS

Unusual Telephone Service offered Cheaply in Berlin.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Berlin, March 15.—Two Berlin publishers have devised a scheme for combined telephonic news and musical service to be supplied to telephone subscribers for a monthly payment of $1.25.

The idea of connecting up private telephones with theaters, opera and concert halls is an old one. The novel part of the plan is the news service. Subscribers will be rung up at regular intervals throughout the day (presumably a night service is not intended) and a voice will tell them the news of the hour from all parts of the world, stock exchange prices, sporting results—whatever may be of interest at the moment.

OPPOSED TO WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

—Photo Clinedinst.

Miss Minnie Bronson, secretary of the National Association of Women Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, who is in charge of the campaign to be waged by the antisuffragists.

DR. FRIEDMANN MUST BE FRANK

CONDITION ON WHICH DR. BLUE WILL CO-OPERATE.

The Surgeon General Declares That the Doctor Must Explain How His Remedy Differs From Other Serums, All of Which If They Prove Fatal to Animals Are Also Deadly to Human Beings.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 16.—Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the public health and marine hospital service, today announced that the attitude of the government toward Dr. F. Friedmann and his tuberculosis remedy depended upon the result of a conference to be held with the German physician in New York tomorrow. Dr. Blue said: "The government is not prepared to say positively that it will refuse to co-operate further in the tests being made with Dr. Friedmann's tuberculosis serum. We are at the same time averse to the proceeding without full knowledge of the remedy.

"Dr. Friedmann himself admits that his serum injected into monkeys guinea pigs and rabbits produces tuberculosis and death. He declares that it has an opposite effect on human beings. This is something new in medical science. All serums of this kind now known to the profession have identical effects on animals and humans.

"The cultures that were recently given us by Dr. Friedmann for laboratory test are worthless without full knowledge of how these cultures are produced, and such information as Dr. Friedmann could probably give us.

"The government is interested only in determining whether or not Dr. Friedmann's remedy is harmless. We owe this to the public. If the serum, as Dr. Friedmann admits, acts as a virulent infecting agent on smaller animals we want assurance that it will not have a similar effect upon human beings.

DR. FRIEDMANN RETURNS

Will Administer Tuberculosis Vaccine to Twelve Patients.

New York, March 16.—Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedmann returned here today from Canada and made preparations for administering his tuberculosis vaccine to 12 patients in Bellevue Hospital tomorrow.

Dr. Friedmann this afternoon visited Bellevue, where he met Dr. John F. Anderson, director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the United States Public Health Service, who will watch, on behalf of the government, the cases treated by Dr. Friedmann and Dr. Arthur Stimson, also of the Public Health Service.

Later Dr. Friedmann visited Mount Sinai Hospital, where he examined the patients he treated a week ago. Concerning their condition he would say nothing. He expressed pleasure at the reception given him in Canada and said he would soon return to observe the effects of his vaccine on the patients he inoculated there.

GOVERNORS OFFER AID

Twelve States Interested in Illinois Antivice Crusade.

Springfield, Ill., March 16.—Lieutenant Governor Barratt O'Hara, chairman of the Senate committee investigating the "white slave" evil in Illinois, has received letters from the governors of 12 states offering to co-operate with him in every possible way to suppress the traffic in women and kindred evils. The governors from the following states have so far responded: New York, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Iowa, Virginia, South Carolina, Michigan, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, Wyoming and West Virginia.

Princess Mary Confirmed.

London, March 16.—Princess Mary, the only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, was confirmed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Chapel Royal at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. All members of the royal family and many members of the household and servants of the palace were present. Large crowds assembled outside the palace to witness the arrival of the Queen Mother Alexandra.

Navy Department Wants Report.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 16.—Official cognizance of the death of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton has been taken by the Navy Department, through the act of the surgeon general, C. F. Stokes, who has asked Commandant Dewitt Coffman, at the Charlestown Navy Yard, for a full report of the case.

Schwab Is Generous to Band.

Bethlehem, Pa., March 16.—Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company and former president of the United States Steel Corporation, has ordered a building to be erected for his steel company band which will cost between $30,000 and $40,000. Mr. Schwab gave $20,000 to equip the band and spends $10,000 a year to maintain it.

IN NO HURRY TO FILL OFFICES

McCOMBS CONFERS WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.

President Wilson and His Advisers to Continue the Sifting Process, So That When the Extra Session Begins He Will Have a Long List of Appointments to Send to the Senate Without Delay.

Washington, March 16.—Conferences between National Chairman William F. McCombs and Democratic leaders today brought out the fact hat the administration intends to proceed slowly and carefully in filling federal offices throughout the country.

While the Senate is expected to adjourn early this week, President Wilson and his advisers will continue the sifting process, so that when the extra session of Congress begins, on April 7, there will be a long list of appointments ready for confirmation.

When the extra session opens Postmaster General Burleson also expects to have ready his plan for dealing with the situation created when all fourth-class postmasters were put into the classified service.

The Postmaster General had a long talk with Chairman McCombs today and said afterward that he would occupy himself in the next three weeks with the drafting of a plan by which the merit system could be applied to fourth-class postmasters. Mr. Burleson does not believe that the executive order through which the postmasters were placed on the civil service list should be revoked, but he insists that those who were placed on the civil service list without examination be required to submit to the merit test.

While the question of federal appointments is absorbing the attention of President Wilson, it became apparent today that besides the members of the Cabinet, who are sifting the mass of applicants, National Chairman McCombs and Secretary Tumulty are working in close harmony with members of Congress.

It became known also that no particular policy will be followed in all the states with reference to organization, anti-organization and independent Democratic factions. "Each state presents its own problem," said Mr. McCombs today.

While the Democratic organizations have been unanimously behind the Wilson campaign since the Baltimore convention, it is an open secret that some of the organization men are not in high favor at the White House.

Mr. McCombs had nothing to announce as to the request of the President that he become ambassador to France. It is unlikely that he will make any decision until he has helped settle some of the more important questions of federal appointments. Some friends of Mr. McCombs predicted tonight, however, that after these subjects were disposed of he might accept the ambassadorship.

POLICE GUARD HOME

Deputy Sheriff Holds Conference With Admiral's Widow.

Norwell, Mass., March 16.—Deputy Sheriff Condon and State Officer Scott visited the house of the late Rear Admiral Eaton today and conferred for some time with members of the family. The officers later declined to discuss the visit.

Crowds of the curious gathered about the house today. Chief of Police Walter T. Osborne, who was stationed there, said he was on duty at the suggestion of State Officer Scott. He would not say whether or not he was there to save the family from annoyance by the public.

Mrs. Eaton, widow of the Admiral, who has been reported ill since the death of her husband, was said today to be much better. She is expected to be able to attend the inquest.

SUFFRAGETTES BADLY MAULED

Attacked by a Mob of Ten Thousand in a London Park.

GEN. DRUMMOND IS HARD HIT

SMILES WHEN STRUCK IN THE MOUTH WITH A CLOD.

Hundreds of Men Yell to the Suffragette Speakers to Go Home to Their Children—A Woman's Eye Blackened and Clothing of Nearly All of Them Torn and Stained With Mud — Police Finally Get Them Into the Tube and Shut Out the Mob.

London, March 16.—The suffragettes who again attempted to hold a Sunday afternoon meeting in Hyde Park were mobbed by a crowd of 10,000 persons. They were pelted with clods of turf, oranges and other missiles and when the police were escorting them from the scene the rioters tore off the hats and cloaks of the women and even struck some of them in the face.

For two hours the park, where demonstrations until recently were held in peace, and Oxford street, nearby, were the scenes of wildest disorder.

The trouble began when "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond mounted a wagon and started to speak to the great assemblage, which was largely made up of youths, who had armed themselves with ammunition of various descriptions or with trumpets, mouth organs and bells. Her appearance at the front of the platform was the signal for an outburst of deafening noise and a bombardment of missiles. She had hardly uttered a word when a clod of turf struck her in the mouth.

SMILES AT TORMENTORS.

Mrs. Drummond maintained her good nature, smiled at her tormentors and continued her speech amid a veritable tornado of abuse, cat calls, ragtime choruses and cries of "Go home to your children."

For half an hour the crowds shouted, sang and pelted the suffragette commander-in-chief, whose clothes soon were a mass of mud. At last Mrs. Drummond's speech, of which not a word was audible, came to an end and a younger woman took her place. She fared no better and the police, realizing the danger the women were in, called upon the chairman to close the meeting.

A large force of police, mounted and afoot, drew in about the suffragette wagon, and under this escort the women were led out of the park, followed by a jeering crowd, which continued to pelt them with missiles over the heads and through the lines of constables.

REFUGE IN THE TUBE.

The police endeavored to pilot the women to the tube station, but the crowd brushed them aside and dragged the women up and down the street. In the melee one woman's eye was blackened and the clothes of all were torn and disheveled.

The police, after half an hour's struggle, got the upper hand and succeeded in getting the badly mauled women into the tube, from which all men were barred until order had been restored.

The attack on the suffragettes was preconceived long before their wagon entered the park. Hundreds of boys had assembled ready for mischief and they caused a scene when the women arrived such as is seldom witnessed in a London park, where freedom of speech is accorded the adherents of every propaganda. The disorder continued despite the efforts of a particularly strong force of police. As soon as the wagon appeared the police surrounded it with a view to protecting the suffragettes.

THE SPIRITUELLES.

But the crowd outnumbered them a hundred to one, and it was impossible to prevent men from throwing their often well-aimed missiles at the harassed women.

While these scenes were in progress the spiritual militant suffragists in their costumes of black with orange scarfs attended the afternoon service at St. Paul's. They arrived singly or in groups and left in a body quietly after the service was concluded.

Mrs. Drummond, speaking of the Hyde Park affair this evening, said it began by some boy shouting "Hello, here's Mother Drummond." She declared that the crowd had shown no hostility and that the trouble was caused by the police in interfering with free speech and, in their officious manner, trying to escort the suffragettes from the park.

PLOT TO KIDNAP GEORGE.

The Referee, a Sunday journal devoted to sport and the drama, says the details of an elaborate suffragette plot to carry off David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, are only just beginning to leak out.

"The whole thing," says the paper, "was well organized, but was given away by the overzeal of one of the appointed abductors. The retreat of the honorable gentleman had been carefully arranged in an unfrequented park in the country, having natural advantages which would enable quite a small party to guard it.

"A subterranean suite of apartments had been prepared for the captive and he would have had every attention. The plotters had even gone so far as to engage the services of a doctor devoted to the cause to be in attendance on the Chancellor during his captivity.

"When the government learned of the daring nature of the plot, the number of detectives guarding Mr. Lloyd-George was largely increased."

Carried Over Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 16.—Miss Josephine Kigititch, 35 years old, of Buffalo, while viewing the falls with a party of friends from a point on Luna Island, late today, lost her balance, fell into the river and was carried over the American falls. The body was not recovered.

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