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PROBE OF SNAPS IS SOON TO BEGIN

"LAME DUCKS" MAY BE FORCED TO RETREAT.

ALDRICH HAS BIG BERTH

Former Senator Draws $7,500 Salary as Member of Monetary Body With Sweeping Power—Others Are Cared For.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—War is about to be started against the numerous government commissions that have grown up in profusion during the last ten or 12 years. Many of these commissions literally abound with soft snaps, furnishing employment at big salaries for "lame ducks", secretaries, clerks, stenographers and other supernumeraries.

The first step toward the extermination of useless, ornamental and costly accrescences of government is the compilation of a complete list of governmental commissions, which will show in detail what all of them have cost and the amount paid out under the authority of each. The compilation of this statement has been under a resolution offered by Representative Clark, of Florida, and has been going ahead diligently for several days. Many surprising facts have been uncovered.

It is shown that the commission is the favorite method of taking care of the disabled congressional "lame ducks." It has been a sort of beneficent bluestriam arrangement, by which the "lame ducks" have been taken care of, and have been seatowed comfortably in paying berths, in too many cases with little or no work to do.

Take Relatives Along.

Often service on commissions has been accompanied by delightful European tours in the most charming seasons of the year for foreign travel. Members have sometimes taken appointed relatives as clerks and secretaries, and have thus been able to take part of the family along at government expense.

The immigration commission stands first on the list of "good things." The commission was the offspring of a bill championed by Representative James E. Watson, of Indiana, at the close of his congressional serving. He had introduced a measure which tightened the immigration laws very materially, to end of shutting out undesirable immigrants.

It was a popular bill and it was about to pass when Senator Aldrich devised the neat scheme of shutting off the legislation by creating an investigating commission to study immigration conditions in Europe and report recommendations for the revision of the Immigration laws. Aldrich represented that if the Watson bill passed it would drive all of the "good" immigrants away from the city by power. Watson agreed to the suppression of his bill and the creation of a commission to ease off the agitation for more stringent immigration laws.

Has Expended $750,000.

The immigration commission was created. It was loaded down with soft snaps. Its expenditures have been monstrous almost beyond belief. They had a fine time. The bills which have been dug up and which Uncle Sam has paid show that the immigration commission has cost the taxpayers of the United States $750,000.

Senator Aldrich has been the peerless promoter of commissions. The national monetary commission is his child. It has an absolutely unlimited expense account. Under the legislation which was drawn by Senator Aldrich, that statesman can incur any bill he deems necessary in the discharge of the duties of the commission, and it must be paid without question out of the Treasury of the United States.

Since the retirement from congress Mr. Aldrich has been drawing his salary at the rate of $7,500 a year as a member of this commission. More than half of its membership of 18 is composed of former senators and representatives who are drawing salaries of $5,000 a year. The snaps are distributed among democrats and republicans. Included in the number taken care of are former Senators Aldrich, Teller, Money, Taliaferro, Burrows and Platt and former Representatives Burton and Vreeland.

Monetary Commission Costly.

Many persons who regarded the monetary commission in its first inception as the fulfillment of a laudable purpose have lost patience with it since it has become a vehicle to take care of "lame ducks." It is stated that it already has cost Uncle Sam hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Upwards of 20 commissions, big and little, "lame ducks" and volunteer, unimportant and necessary, either have found definite lodgement on the statute books or have taken root and have taken comparatively firm root through successive appropriation bills.

Representative Clark has gone gunning mainly for what he terms the "lame duck" commissions, which afford warm and grateful shelter these days for many a lawmaker who failed in the "come back" process.

The main interest is being centered on the little out-of-the-way bodies, many of which have been peacefully ambling along on an appropriation for years. Some of these have been purely volunteer and some have been furnished with a fat salary fund. Nearly all, however have received some attention in the annual appropriation bills.

Can Live Until 1914.

The national monetary commission and the joint high commission assigned to deal with Canada on waterboundary matters stand at the head of the list of good things for shelving defeated members of congress. Some of these commissions may exist until 1914 if it uses 5.

The Canadian boundary commission caught two of last season's disabled—Senator Carter and Representative Tawney.

Another commission, a body to determine the proper boundary line between Texas and New Mexico, sprang into existence in time to take aboard former Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, who but recently completed a term in the upper house of congress. Still another boundary commission—almost forgotten—deals with questions affecting the boundary between Mexico and the United States. Aspen Millard and W. W. Follett are its American members.

There is another commission in the same neighborhood. William C. Dennis, of Indiana, drawn a lucrative salary as the American commissioner to effect the settlement of the Charnizal Tract.

Waterways, home and foreign, are well represented by commission. There is an international water way commission, a national waterways commission and a Mississippi river commission. There are several army officers and volunteer citizens on these commissions, but a goodly salary roll exists nevertheless.

Debris Body Still Exists.

Congressmen who delving into the subject to-day were surprised to find that a California debris commission is still in existence. This body is composed of three army officers and receive approximately $15,000 for expenditure in clearing California rivers of debris. The commission has also stirred up an acquaintanceship with the Parking commission of the District of Columbia, the commission to investigate the title to United States land in the Pueblo of Sacramento, the Spanish treaty claims commission, the Immigration commission, the peace commission and the commission to visit various expositions.

The president's postal commission designed to look into the second class postal rates, with Charles Evans Hughes is a member, and, with him are President Lowell, of Harvard, and Lawrence Maxwell, of Cincinnati. The new securities commission also is in the hopper, President Hadley, of Yale, is its chairman.

The fine arts commission is doing nicely too. Its members are for patriotism and not pay, but receives in the neighborhood of $15,000 annually for its traveling expenses. In contrast with the commission which is peacefully ambling along on an investigation of the subject of employers' liability and workingmen's compensation, Senator Sutherland is at its head. There is still a St. John river commission dealing with Canada, and a commission of boundary rights in that stream.

Opium Commission New.

There is also another Atlantic fisheries commission, a tariff board, an Indian commission, consisting of one man drawing $4,500 a year, and Franklin K. Lane, a member comprising the commission to look out for American interests this year at the expositions at Rome and Berlin.

The opium commission is one of the latest of the international bodies. Dr. Hamilton Wright and Bishop Brent, are among the delegates from from the United States.

A brand new commission of five members is being gotten ready to consider the expediency of utilizing existing international agencies for the purpose of limiting the armaments of the world. The commission is headed by a general, a newspaper man and ex-Congressman Richard Bartholdt and James A. T. Hull, late chairman of the house committee on military affairs, is an aspirant for a place on this commission.

The resolution of Representative Clark calls for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house, which shall enumerate all commissions and transmit full data concerning them to the house. The resolution also calls for the name, place of employ and an announcement of every salary.

VOTE FOR HUGE MORTGAGE

Grand Trunk Directors Are to Raise $30,000,000.

LONDON, April 21.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada unanimous assent was given to the Grand Trunk railway scheme.

The directors were authorized to exercise the powers conferred upon them by this law, including the issuing of a mortgage of $30,000,000 on the Grand Trunk Western the railroad on which will be guaranteed by the Grand Trunk.

A. W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors, said that he had no fear the Grand Trunk would have to make any payment under the guarantee.

Taft to Address Christian Endeavor.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Taft to-day tentatively accepted an invitation to address the world's Christian Endeavor convention in Salt Lake City in July. The president's acceptance is contingent upon the adjournment of congress.

MISS FRANCIS NASH, OPENS WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON

OMAHA, Neb., April 21.—Society people of Nebraska opened the new ball park here when the Western league teams crossed their bats. Society of Omaha and the cities about it made up the long parade through the streets, and a society leader—no less than Miss Francis Nash, daughter of Ak-Sar-Ben—came up the first ball. The opening of the Western league season was made one of the most unique in the history of organized baseball. The Ak-Sar-Ben people who had charge of the opening ceremonies composed the king and queen of Ak-Sar-Ben and their court. No rude umpire shouted "Play ball!" here in-to-day, but said: "Forty maidens, queen of Ak-Sar-Ben and court, advance to bat made of honor." Four town society girls looked as one at the place of the shivering, trembling player who faced them. Then a gentle voice said: "Play." There was a slight rustle of skirts, a small swish in the immediate, and a dainty tennis ball bounced along over the plate. Then the queen of Ak-Sar-Ben and her court of three in fur greenhead and out on the bleachers. It was so recorded by the official bookkeeper, and the Western league season in Omaha was launched. Miss Nash is the daughter of the late E. W. Nash, former head of the American Smelting and Refining company. Her family represents millions, and she is an educated in the exclusive schools of America and Europe.

RUSH GREAT WORK ON MILE-WIDE DAM

Constructing $20,000,000 Structure at Keokuk, Ia.

KEOKUK, Ia., April 21.—July 1, 1912 has been set as the date for the completion of the mile wide $20,000,000 dam across the Mississippi river, which is in construction here now, with 700 men at work on the Illinois and Iowa shores. The engineer in charge, Hugh L. Cooper, met a delegation from Burlington, Ft. Madison and other nearby river cities this week and informed them that at the rate the work was being pushed the concrete would be in place and the power house ready for the waters of the river to be diverted through it to generate the 250,000 horse power which is to be its capacity.

During the last week work has been started on the power house on the Illinois shore. Excavations are being made in the high bluff, directly beneath the best residence district of the city, and there the dam will be anchored to the rock. Work is also being pushed on the river on this side for some time.

A bridge is being constructed across the canal, which will be used to transport building materials and workmen.

The canal itself, which was built by the United States government 40 years ago and which for years has been maintained ever since at an annual expense of $50,000, will be completely drowned out by the impounded water, which will broaden out over the lowlands on both sides of the present river until a lake is formed, three miles wide at its base, 1 mile long and from three to five miles in width. Emissaries of the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power company have been quietly buying property outright and securing options on property during the last year, until it is stated 99 per cent of the lands to be overflowed have either been secured or will be had with the next few weeks at a total cost of $1,500,000.

Work on the Illinois end of the big dam will be pushed simultaneously with that on the Iowa side, practically a year and a half before the dam is to be completed. The dam itself is to be the largest in the world, with the single exception of the Big Assouan dam across the River Nile, in Egypt, built at the expense of the British government. The power developed from the impounding waters will be second only to the combined power developed by all the power plants at Niagara Falls.

Having secured the franchise from congress, after a fierce fight, and having secured the $20,000,000 capital necessary to carry on the work after a five years' campaign, even after the franchise had been secured, Keokuk is now entering on the campaign to secure new industrial enterprises.

RAILWAY FOR NEGROES.

Booker T. Washington Plans to Buy Bankrupt Road.

DALLAS, Tex., April 21.—Booker T. Washington, the negro educator and representative of the south, is planning to buy the International & Great Northern railroad at the receivership sale in Palestine, May 15. It is said Washington has the money, all of it, except with negro labor, exclusively.

Groom of the Day by Mistake.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 21.—Dewitt Clinton, a young attorney of this city, who Wednesday married Miss Louise Kleinger, disappeared yesterday. His bride is frantic with fear for his safety.

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