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# REGISTRAR DEFIANT AS HE AWAITS NEXT MOVE BY GOVERNOR

## Goodwin Clings Precariously But Tenaciously to Job While Curley Rests at Home— Removal Is Momentarily Expected

BOSTON, Dec. 28—Threatened with removal from his office as registrar of motor vehicles after he spoke in Haverhill Monday evening in behalf of the Brockton Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen and attacked the Boot & Shoe Workers Union, Frank A. Goodwin was clinging precariously but tenaciously to his job tonight while he waited in open rebellion for Governor James M. Curley to carry out his threat to remove him.

Confined to his home with a severe cold, Governor Curley informed his office today that he had no statement to make concerning Goodwin's indication that he would not accept the governor's ultimatum.

The governor has had a cold for more than a week and was told by his physician, Dr. Martin English, to remain at home last Tuesday. The governor refused to accept the advice, and attended the special meeting of the Executive council.

The motor registrar, long a fiery figure in Massachusetts politics, flatly refused to heed the governor's ultimatum that he refrain from further participation in labor controversies or relinquish his public office.

In view of Goodwin's outspoken defiance, the next move falls to the governor, and there appears to be no course open to him except to order the registrar's removal. The governor has indicated, however, that he will take no action before next week. Meanwhile, the registrar is performing his duties and is given a chance to change his mind.

The dispute between the governor and the registrar reached a climax yesterday after officials of organized labor, a movement for which the governor has expressed great sympathy, protested that Goodwin was misusing his public office by interfering in labor union activities in the Haverhill shoe industry. The governor summoned Goodwin to the State House and informed him that he considered "it unethical for an official of the State to conduct work outside the office he holds," and that he should make the choice of "continuing as registrar or continuing his outside activities in labor controversies." The registrar insisted that



FRANK A. GOODWIN  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

his interests in the shoe workers were perfectly proper.

Several hours after the interview, which was attended by James T. Moriarty, State commissioner of labor and industries and a former president of the Massachusetts branch of the American Federation of Labor, Goodwin issued a statement in which he declared, "No job is worth so much to me that I shall feel called upon to sacrifice my right as an American citizen to free speech and free action so long as it does not interfere with the job."

Goodwin further declared that he was "more interested in the welfare of the thousands of shoe workers than I am in the position of registrar of motor vehicles, even though one pays me \$6000 a year and the other pays me nothing."

There were politicians, however, who refused to take seriously the split between Goodwin and the governor. Representative Philip G. Bowker of Brookline, a constant critic of the Curley administration, described the

situation as a "take" to pave the way for Goodwin's independent candidacy for the United States Senate at the next election, with a view to splitting the Republican vote and thereby insuring Curley's election to that office.

The position of Goodwin in being at odds with a governor is no new one to him. In 1917 he was removed by former Governor Alvan T. Fuller as registrar of motor vehicles because of his attacks on the courts. After being defeated for the Republican nomination for governor in 1928, Goodwin was appointed by former Governor Frank G. Allen as chairman of the Boston Finance commission. He was ousted from that office by former Governor Joseph B. Ely, who appointed Joseph J. Leonard chairman when a vacancy occurred. Goodwin contended that the appointment

was illegal, but lost his fight in the courts to retain the chairmanship. In 1934 Goodwin was an independent candidate for governor and was accused by Republican leaders of entering the contest to take votes from Gaspar G. Bacon, the Republican candidate. In January this year, by orders of Governor Curley, Goodwin was appointed motor registrar to succeed Morgan T. Ryan.

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# LUCE COMEBACK ATTEMPT UPSET TO REPUBLICANS

## Belief Prevails He Will Seek Seat In Congress

Writing in the Boston Transcript, William F. Furbush states:

The possibility that former Congressman Robert Luce of Waltham will attempt a come-back by seeking election to his old seat from the Ninth district has upset the calculations of party leaders and may cause a reversal of plans by prospective candidates for other offices.

There has been no public indication by Luce of his plans but there is a well-substantiated understanding among those watching the political weathervane that, if he abides by his present inclination, he will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the position he yielded in the 1934 election to Congressman-Mayor Richard M. Russell of Cambridge.

Since Luce's defeat two years ago, after sixteen years of service in the national House where he won distinction as one of the country's outstandingly able and scholarly congressmen, doubt has been generally expressed whether he again would essay an election battle.

The setback interrupted what Luce's backers and admirers figured was his certain progress into the United States Senate, and it is conceivable that the ambition to repair his legislative fences, at least to the extent of rounding out twenty years in the Congress, may be a determining factor in any consideration he is giving to his future public activities.

Discussion of Luce's possible candidacy has raised speculation as to any effect it would have on the plans of Mayor Sinclair Weeks of Newton, whose anticipated announcement of his candidacy for Republican nomination for the United States Senate has been deferred so long as to raise doubt whether he will enter the contest.

Representative Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Beverly, and former State Senator James F. Cavanagh have long been active candidates for this nomination and their progress, especially that of Lodge, has made Weeks supporters impatient to get started.

There have been several conferences among Weeks and party leaders in the last ten days and the indications are now that Weeks will announce on Monday or Tuesday whether he will run or not.

There have been several party leaders who have advised Weeks that his best strategy, in what has been understood to be his ambition to follow in the footsteps of his father, the late Senator John W. Weeks, would be to make his fight for the Ninth Congress seat, which Russell captured as a

beneficiary in large measure of the New Deal sentiment, now at a low ebb in this State, if straw balloting is a true criterion.

The Weeks camp, however, reports assurances of senatorial support from important sections of the State have been such that, if he determines to remain in public office, only the Senate seat would appeal to him. He would not consider running for the lower branch of the Congress, it is declared.

It has been suggested in some of the Weeks conferences that from a party point of view, Weeks might jeopardize organization unity and hopes of Republican success by running for the Senate nomination, in that he and Speaker Leverett Saltonstall, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, both reside in Newton. This fact, it has been argued, would raise the criticism of having a centralization of candidates for major offices in one city or section of the State at a time when the necessity of a geographically and racially balanced ticket is emphasized.

The point is advanced by many of Saltonstall's followers, supplemented by the contention that, having been an avowed and active candidate for so long, Saltonstall could reasonably insist that he is not the man to withdraw.

Should Weeks decide not to be a candidate, it is conceivable that his decision would be influenced in great degree by a desire not to detract from Saltonstall's strength and also by an inclination to abide by wishes of his family that he give it more time than further public service would permit him to give.

With Weeks definitely in the Senate race, or out of the political picture, Representative Philip G. Bowker of Brookline may be expected to run for the nomination for Congress, with renewed verbal assurances recently from leaders of the Weeks organization of that group's backing. The candidacy of Luce, if the latter elects to run, will not, according to present indications, change Bowker's plans and on the assumption that Weeks will not consider running for the Congress seat Bowker is continuing with his organization work, concentrating at present in Waltham, Luce's home city.

The Luce development has raised speculation whether it will have any likely bearing on Mayor Russell's plans. Retiring as mayor of Cambridge, Russell is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor at a testimonial dinner to be given him tonight at the Hotel Continental.

Such an announcement, some politicians had reasoned, might be attributed to the fact that Russell sensed an uphill fight for re-election to Congress in the formerly strong Republican district, and decided to gamble with the gubernatorial chances. With Luce, the man he defeated by nearly 5000 votes two years ago, appearing as a possible contender, these same politicians speculate, Russell may decide to run for Congress again.

There is unconfirmed gossip that if Russell gets into the gubernatorial race it will be on the suggestion of James Roosevelt, son of the President, who may be planning a return to his former political activity in the Bay State.

This report at once gave rise to speculation whether young Roosevelt has abandoned his previously warm support of Governor James M. Curley, who, although he has declared his candidacy for the Senate, has not convinced all Democrats and Republicans that the governorship does not have a stronger appeal.

There is the further report that Russell, while striking for the governorship, might be content with the nomination for lieutenant governor, with young Roosevelt pulling the strings at the pre-primary convention in June.

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# WASHBURN'S COMMENT

By "BOB" WASHBURN  
in The Boston Transcript

Henry Parkman, Jr., is a state senator from the Third Suffolk District, made up of some wards in Boston and Cambridge. He is now in his fourth term. He is 41 years old, plus, and has eight feet, two in his shoes, and six plus in his height. He was born in Boston. He studied at Noble & Greenough's, in the days before John Richardson became its directing business head. He was graduated from St. Mark's school, before his brother, Francis Parkman, became its headmaster. Henry is an early bird. He took an A. B. and an M. C. L. at Harvard in 1915 and an A. M. in 1916. He studied two years at the Harvard Law school.

In the Great War he was captain of infantry overseas, a real soldier. He was four years in the Boston city council, which called for more courage than when he met the Hun. It is not unlikely that he may become a candidate, either for senator, governor or lieutenant-governor. "Vistas of statesmanship welcome him," I believe, as the Lodge-Harvard degree read, this from suspicious hands. Harvard was not long on Lodge.

Those dopesters who hang over the political rail, and the ladies with their lognettes who fasten their fire upon political entries, cannot safely ignore this possible entry from the Parkman stables. Mr. Parkman is one of the two most forceful men in state politics. Like all of this sort, he has often been a target for the fire of the enemy, particularly from the mouth of the late Baron Billingsgate, nee Richard Grant, whose voice has now become silent in the service of the State. The late Charles W. Barron, whose news-sheet once mistook me for a doormat, said at one time: "Cheer up, Washburn, we are doing you a service." It is a sign you are getting great." So the fact that Baron Billingsgate, with his unfiltered diction, concentrated his fire more upon Mr. Parkman than upon anyone else, is a sure sign that Mr. Parkman, is foremost among fighting Republicans, for a hymn of hate.

So watch Parkman. Few men have performed more signal service to their party. He was president of the Republican club. He was a leader in the Essex county fight which elected Mr. McSweeney to the Senate. In 1928, he went out successfully, as a David against that putative political Goliath, the Puritan, Innes. He showed Charlie that he was more of a myth than a monarch. He licked him as a delegate for the National convention, when the timid said there would not be enough left of Parkman to fill one basket. Mr. Innes was then the leader of a diverse army of saints and sinners, including in its number not only a church warden and a retired "little cabinet" officer, but also even those outcasts who smoke cigarettes. So watch Parkman, in whom, as too seldom, high civic purpose, capacity and courage walk

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as handmaidens. He has a pep, a power and a punch that appeal. And in his amenities he has a courtesy and a consideration for others that I have seldom seen equalled, and which loom on the paths of politics, where barnyard fowl abound.

True, that Mr. Parkman is in a way a factional figure. He has his feverish foe, as he has his fanatic friends, as can be said of all such men as he. No one is apathetic as to him. When his name is mentioned, some send him flowers and others crawl out onto the fire escape. All this can be said without reflection upon Mr. Parkman, for it was said of T. R., the Great, not the Emulator. Nevertheless, Henry rides down that disability in other ways. He is a successful platform performer. Should he go into a fight for any of the offices above set forth, he would kick up a blinding dust in the faces of many of the other competing candidates.

And yet all such as he suffer. For in a political campaign most everybody is out to elect anybody. The skill of the swatter, and the charm of this practice, is very much in evidence. It's more tempting to tear down than to build up, to throw an egg rather than to "set" one. The strongest candidate for public office, unfortunately, is not that man of whom something good can be said, but that individual of whom nothing is known. Then the swatter is silent. Blessed are the boobies, for it is they who cast the votes. Pleading Parkman.

An open Christmas letter. The Frog Pond, Boston, December 23, 1935. Dear Jim. Us fellers on the benches have been talking about you and our old happy days together. We have seen little of you. We fear that you are getting "stuck up" and have forgotten the playmates of your humbler days. We have been trying to follow your political plunges, and are now overwhelmed with vertigo. Because of your sudden, sharp turns, some of us are now in the hands of an osteopath. Nevertheless we are under an obligation to you for much spiritual development.

In 1883, Harvard, unhappily more of a political liability than an asset, for the first time, declined to recognize a governor, then Butler, with an honorary degree. In later years, Representative Lomasney tried to put through the legislature a bill for a statue of Butler on the State House grounds. He wanted to try out the spiritual qualities of the Beaconses who passed on their way to business. The bill was turned down. Harvard should now publicly express its regret, and also the legislature, for in many ways, Jim, Governor Butler gave the State an admirable administration, that is in contrast with yours, Jim. They must have been very fussy in those days. North Easton papers copy.

You promised us work and wages, Jim, but you are the only one that has a job. The best evidence that you are governor is that the price of eggs has doubled. Think, how some hollered for you. You seem to be living pretty well on a salary of \$10,000. Don't you think that you could come across with Christmas presents for us? You may not need some of the cast-off uniforms of your butlers. We could take off the brass buttons and find them quite useful. This would appeal to the human side of our natures and lead us, perhaps, to forget some of your breaks, as when you propose to set free that firebug who burned up my own All Saints' Episcopal church in Worcester, at a loss of \$400,000. I sometimes wonder if you would have wanted to set him free if he had burned a church of your own faith. Brighton papers please copy.

You not only have not found work for us, Jim, but you are also to deprive many citizens of their present livelihood. You propose to abolish all of the Council and half of the legislature. You have just appointed Councillors Russell and Burdick. Now you propose to throw them out. One of us fellers was recently operated upon, his brain, and the surgeon forgot to put it back. We thought he might be able to get into the council where he would not miss it and would be happy. A voter must read, to qualify, but all a Democratic councillor needs to know is the word: Yes. We sometimes think that if you could be abolished it would be better than the abolishment of anybody else. Why not fall on your own sword, in the cause of decent government? These councillors are now getting \$2000 a year for one day's work a week, with a luncheon thrown in. The legislators are paid the same, for six months' work a year. Where are all of these men going to be able to find anything to do if they lose their present jobs? Where can these councillors and legislators find such a cinch as they now have?

Us fellers feel, Jim, that you are overworked and that you need another trip. Why not go to Ethiopia? You deserve a rest. We agree with Dan that you have made the best governor that Massachusetts has seen, that is since the days of Joe Ely. We think that we could raise a fund which would take you even as far as Ethiopia and establish you there for life in regal style. The natives would add much "color" to your life. Think it over.

I see that Mr. Roosevelt is now paying out money to divinity students. This is not a bad idea, and the best work that they could do would be to go into a retreat and pray for you. If you are planning to call on me, telephone, so that I may tell the dog. He wants a Xmas present, a pair of "pants." You ought to have a merry Xmas, Jim, for you are the only citizen who is happy under our State government. You will have a full stocking, if you "put your foot in it," as you have into everything else.

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## GOV. CURLEY TO SPEAK TO SCRIBES

Gov. James M. Curley will be the principal guest at the Massachusetts principal guest at the Massachusetts association semi-annual dinner at the Lenox Monday, according to an announcement received yesterday by Fred Bosworth of Medford, secretary.

In reply to an invitation extended by the association, the Governor said that he would be present and donate and present the James M. Curley Trophy to Leo Reardon, Malden High athlete, who was voted by the association the most valuable schoolboy football player in Eastern Massachusetts.

The Governor heads a long guest list which probably will include Jimmy Foxx, newly acquired Red Sox first baseman, Eddie Collins, general manager of the Sox, who is one of the invited speakers, is bringing Foxx to Boston to speak at the father and sons' night dinner of Temple Ohabel Shalom, and he has assured officials that he will make every effort to bring Jimmy to the writers' dinner.

There will be a number of other prominent speakers, including Victor O. Jones, sports editor of the Globe, and Paul Swaffield, football official and raconteur extraordinary.

Besides the award to Reardon the association will present the Fred J. O'Brien trophy, emblematic of the state football championship, jointly to Waltham and Malden high schools which tied for the title.

Among the guests will be members of the undefeated Lawrence High football team of last year, winners of the 1934 state championship, and members of the Somerville High baseball team which won the state title last Spring in the tournament sponsored by the association at Fenway Park.

Arrangements for the affair are being made by the officers of the association, Paul V. Craigue of Boston, president; Percy Shain of Waltham, vice president and Fred Bosworth of Medford, secretary.