

critics in Washington is this: That \$15,000,000 grant "persuaded" Governor Davey, a Democrat, not to call a special election in Ohio because "new dealers" were afraid that they might suffer another shock such as they did when a Republican was elected recently in a former Democratic stronghold in Rhode Island in a special election.

Henry Roosevelt, cousin of the President, is working hard at his job as assistant secretary of the navy. He appears at all press conferences and has surrounded himself with clerks and secretaries and official aides. He always is ready to advise Secretary Swanson. Oldtimers chuckle in recalling that Franklin D. Roosevelt, when he was assistant secretary of the navy, also ignored the tradition that his chief function was to make speeches, preside at dinners, and be pleasant to visitors. The Secretary of the Navy always prefers to look to his admirals when he is in need of advice.

The people are going to hear a lot about utilities between now and the next session, in January. There won't be any comic opera demonstrations, such as that which centered around Howard C. Hopson recently. But investigators for the committees have gathered a lot of information, and committee leaders are laying plans to make this material public right at the time when the pre-convention campaigns are in full swing. That promises to make holding company abolition a political talking point as well as a serious problem for the next congress.

Poosepatucks to Express Thanks to Rev. E. E. Eells

According to a story in the New York Herald Tribune on Sunday, Rev. E. E. Eells of East Hampton, is about to be thanked for the interest he took in the Poosepatuck Indians of Mastic, L. I., who came near losing their reservation and their school, last spring. The story follows:

"Chief Horace Ward, reigning head of the Poosepatuck Indians who live on the state reservation here, has been occupied during the last week in framing a letter of thanks to whoever was responsible for the re-opening of the reservation's one-room schoolhouse, which the state closed last spring. The letter will be signed by all the residents of the 175-acre tract, including the school children.

"Chief Ward has not yet decided to whom he will send the letter. At first it was proposed to send it to Governor

Herbert H. Lehman, but Chief Ward decided, with a large degree of realism, that the Governor probably had never heard of the school. The Rev. Earnest E. Eells, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, who led the drive to have the school re-opened, probably will receive the letter.

"The state's first move to shut down the tiny schoolhouse, where Mrs. M. A. Smith of Freeport, taught nine pupils last semester, was made late in March after the teacher had requested certain repairs. The state advised her that not only would the repairs be denied, but the school would be closed.

"The Poosepatucks lost no time in swarming before the town board, which was told by the State Department of Education that the tract never had been classified at Albany as a reservation and that there was some doubt as to whether the Poosepatucks, descendants of Indian parents who had intermarried with Negroes, were still Indians.

"Mr. Eells soon became interested in the matter, because Poosepatuck, with Shinnecock and Montauk, was the scene of the first missionary work of the Presbyterian Church.

"The denomination's initial missionary, Azariah Horton, a native of Southold, organized the church there between 1740 and 1750, and the building still stands, with its attendants proud that Thomas Jefferson and James Madison have been among the visitors. The school was opened as part of the missionary venture. Seventy years ago the state took charge of the school and missionary work ended.

"Led by Mrs. Richard Brackett, a granddaughter of Mrs. Martha Mayne, the last full-blooded Indian on the reservation, and who died in July, 1933, the Poosepatucks have insisted that the state, by maintaining the school over that period has admitted its responsibility.

"After Mr. Eells made a trip to Albany in behalf of the Indians, the Department of Education reversed its decision, and the school will open on Wednesday, when school sessions begin in Suffolk County. Twelve students will enroll for the fall term, nine of them being children of John Higgins, who has worked on relief projects occasionally during the last few months.

"Chief Ward, who will be 58 years old on October 1, admitted with pride yesterday that he went through the fourth grade at the reservation school, which is about 100 years old. He hailed the decision of the state as one of the reservation's most important victories."

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