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TAFT CALLS CONGRESS IN EXTRA SESSION

Washington, D. C. March 4.—President Taft this afternoon issued a call for an extra session of Congress.

The proclamation is as follows: "Whereas by the special message dated January 26, 1911, there was transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives an agreement between the Department of State and the Canadian government in regard to reciprocal tariff legislation together with an earnest recommendation that the necessary legislation be promptly adopted; and,

"Whereas a bill to carry into effect said agreement has passed the House of Representatives and has failed to reach a vote in the Senate; and,

"Whereas the agreement stipulates not only that the President of the United States will communicate to Congress the conclusion now reached, and recommends the adoption of such legislation as may be necessary on the part of the United States to give effect to the proposed arrangement, but also that the governments of the two countries will use their utmost efforts to bring about such changes by concurrent legislation at Washington and at Ottawa."

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power invested in me by the constitution, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the convenance of both Houses of Congress of the United States at their respective chambers in the City of Washington on the Fourth of April, 1911 at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that they may consider and determine whether the congress shall, by the necessary legislation, make operative the agreement.

"All persons entitled to act as members of the Sixty-second Congress are required to take notice of this proclamation.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington, the Fourth day of March, A. D., 1911, and of the Independence of the United States the 135th.

By the President: (Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT. (Signed) P. C. KNOX, Secretary of State."

RICHMOND PRINTER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Richmond, Va., March 5.—Edmund Steptoe, a linotype operator for The Evening Journal here aged 32, and married but without children, went to the operating room of his paper today turned on the gas which runs his machine placed the gas tube in his mouth and died as a result of the inhalation. He worked as usual yesterday, and one of his fellow workmen found him dead at his machine today. No cause for his suicide can be imagined. He left no explanation.

OLD COLORED MAN KILLED BY SEABOARD

Durham, N. C., March 6.—An aged colored man was killed on the Tar river bridge Saturday afternoon by a Seaboard passenger train. The old man was walking on the bridge when the engine overtook him. He was struck a violent blow and thrown into the river by the engine.

The old man seemed to be enfeebled and could make little headway toward getting out of the way of the train. He was almost across the bridge when the engine struck him, but on account of his feebleness could not quite reach safety.

The dead man was picked up by the train crew and left in charge of the section foreman.

Milwaukee soon is to have a convention of coronors. This does not mean that it is a dead town.

ROADS TO SUBMIT AND MAKE NO FIGHT

Washington, March 2.—Complete submission by railroads to the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the great rate cases within the next seven days was predicted by Commissioner Lane today. Lane declared it would never be necessary for the commission to issue a formal order in the case.

"There are no possible grounds on which a logical appeal can be based, and this fact is known to the railroads," said Mr. Lane.

"Representative Eastern and Western roads have already given informal notice that they will comply with the decisions, and there is no doubt in my mind that all the others will follow suit. It is a good thing for all parties, too. An attempt to appeal would only cause a lot of trouble for the commission, and a lot more trouble for the railroads—and nothing would be gained."

A HEN STORY, BUT IT SOUNDS FISHY

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 2.—John Grohan, of Glenville, believes he owns the most intelligent hen in New York State. The hen, which is a white leghorn, is a pet, and Grohan, who is employed in Tarrytown, has to take the trolley every morning. The hen follows him to the tracks and when he steps aboard the hen turns around and goes home.

This morning Grohan overslept and was in such a hurry that he forgot about the hen until he boarded the car. He heard a flapping of wings behind him, and turning, saw the hen flying up from the ground. It lighted on his shoulder, and as it did a coin fell to the ground. It was a nickel. In his hurry Grohan had dropped the coin and the hen picked it up and ran after him.

HAD STOLEN MONEY IN A "RAT" ON HER HEAD

Bristol, Va., March 2.—When Dora Trobaugh, a Bristol woman, was arrested at Johnson City, Tenn., after fleeing from here, following a complaint entered by a farmer that she had robbed him of \$105 in gold, a search revealed \$65 of the gold concealed in a "rat" on her head. She admitted she had the man's money, and returned it to him to avoid prosecution.

A \$300,000 FIRE IN NASHVILLE SUNDAY

Nashville, Tenn., March 5.—Fire starting in the rear of the six story building at 317 and 319 Third Avenue, north, occupied by J. H. Fall Hardware Company, this morning shortly before 7 o'clock, resulted in the almost complete destruction of the entire northern half of the business block, extending along the west side of Third Avenue from Union to Deaderick streets. The loss, the greater part of which is covered by insurance is estimated at \$300,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

New Merchant Arrived.

Mr. T. J. Mazen of Baltimore, who will open a new and stylish line of goods in the old Fleishman stand, arrived last Thursday. Mr. Mazen tells us his goods were bought to be shipped March first and will be coming in at all times during the month. It is his aim to be ready for his opening by the first of April. He is a very clever gentleman. We are very glad to have him join our merchants.

Massachusetts may raise a few dollars by a bachelor tax; but think of the enormous amount it could get by a tax on old maids!

POPULAR TRAINMAN IN A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Greensboro Daily News.

Surgeons at St. Leo's hospital early yesterday morning amputated the left limb of W. T. Smith of Graham, the young flagman who was injured in the freight yards of High Point late Thursday night. The excision was made midway between the hip and knee joint, after a thorough diagnosis which showed that, owing to the bones of the foot and leg being so badly crushed, it was impossible to save the limb.

The injured man was a flagman on one of the trough freights between Spencer and Selma, and was at work, with the rest of the train crew, shifting cars in the yard at High Point when the accident occurred, which caused the loss of the limb.

The injured man was brought to this city on No. 12 and carried immediately to St. Leo's hospital. His sufferings were intense, and, according to the surgeon who attended him, the young man came very near death on account of the severe shock. At a late hour last night, however, it was stated over the telephone from the hospital, that he was resting well and would recover.

Mr. Smith is the son of James Smith, of Graham, and has a wife and one child. He is very popular among the railroad men and many have been to the hospital to see him.

ORDER 100,000 BIBLES

New York, March 2.—One hundred thousand bibles have been ordered for general distribution by the Gideons, as the members of the Christian Travelers Association of America, style themselves. The order is said to be the largest ever placed, and it forms part of a national plan to place a bible in every hotel bedroom in the country.

W. E. Henderson, national secretary of the Gideons, said here today that he has been promised one-fourth of the order for San Francisco and the Pacific Coast. It is planned that the 25,000 bibles, the largest number ever shipped at one time, shall reach San Francisco in time for the triennial convention of the International Sunday School Association, which will be held in the latter part of June.

For every bible there will be a member of the adult bible classes of San Francisco to march through the streets in parade, a Gideon's bible in his hand and at the end of the parade each marcher will build his bible into a gigantic pyramid to be crected on the platform of the convention auditorium, there to stand as an object lesson while the convention is in session.

DISORDERLY NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH BY A MOB

Marianna, Fla. March 5.—Calvin Baker, a negro who came here from Georgia recently was shot to death by a mob at Cypress a small town near here last night. Baker had threatened to shoot up the town, is said, and attempted to shoot the town marshal when that officer went to place him under arrest, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Later he was arrested by a posse and placed in the lockup. Some time in the night a mob battered down the door of the jail and poured a fusillade of shots into Baker's body.

Street Car Track Sold.

The Street Car track was placed on the market from the Court House door at Graham Saturday and was bid off by J. W. Murray at the figures \$26030.00. The confirmation of the sale will come before Judge Daniels who is holding court at Graham this week. Nothing further can be done until it is confirmed. The selling price of the line when before sold was \$10,000.

Mrs. W. H. Fogleman is the guest of her sons Messrs. John and Lea of Oxford.

DANVILLE' CHIEF POLICE AN ESCAPED MURDERER

Danville, Va., March 3.—Edgar Stripling, who for five years has been chief of police of Danville, under the name of R. E. Morris, was arrested here yesterday afternoon as an escaped murderer from the Atlanta, Ga., prison. In 1897 he was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped pending a motion for a new trial.

Stripling held a cool nerve and promptly confessed when the requisition papers were read to him. He was taken back tonight. Since his escape Stripling's wife has joined him. They have ten children.

The return journey to Atlanta in custody of two officers was begun at midnight. The scene as Morris bid farewell to his wife and children and hundreds of friends was pathetic, even more than one could imagine without witnessing the incident. It was a scene such as few people are ever called upon to witness, and Morris passed through it as he has the 15 years since he renounced the name of Stripling—fearlessly and without emotion. Previously, at his home, when he was allowed to spend two hours with his family, he wept copiously. It was an unpleasant duty was the only statement of officers who formed the guard for this family gathering of grief would make.

Stripling came here from what could be learned last night, about 10 years ago. He worked for the Southern railway as night watchman for a time. He made friends and held them and his private life was without a blemish, apparently. Five years ago the city went dry. Morris had been serving as patrolman. The eyes of the law and order league immediately fell upon him and with this support he was made chief. His official conduct was such that he has twice since been re-elected.

PRISONER SEVERELY BURNED IN HENDERSON CITY PRISON

Henderson, March 5.—Quite a bit of excitement was created in the early hours of last night, when it was learned that the town lock-up was on fire. Only one person occupied the building and he gave the alarm by terrific yells. Had it not been for the promptness of the fire department, the flames would have proved fatal to the prisoner. When the firemen broke down the door with an axe, they found the building in full blaze and the occupant about exhausted from the effects of dense smoke. He received several severe burns on his hand.

STRIPLING IS LANDED IN JAIL AT COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ga., March 4.—Edgar Stripling, former police chief of Danville, Va., arrested for killing W. V. Cornett at Hamilton, Ga., fourteen years ago, was brought here this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff G. N. Williams, of Harris County, Ga., and placed in jail to await the disposition of his case. He has a life sentence hanging over him but many persons in Georgia favor a pardon in view of his apparent good record since he escaped from the authorities in 1897.

Mrs. Sarah Cheek wife of Mr. Joe Cheek died in her home at the May place between Burlington and Glen Raven March 3rd, 1911 aged a little more than 42 years. Before her death Mrs. Cheek gave every evidence of being ready to go. She leaves a husband and 5 children and 4 sisters. Her funeral was conducted in Bethel M. E. Church Mar. 4 at 1 p. m. by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

It will require a modern card index system to keep track of Captain Hobson's Japanese war scares.

FORMER CAROLINIAN KILLED IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., March 3.—Walter B. Gwyn, formerly a prominent citizen of Asheville, N. C., but who has resided here since 1906, was killed in an elevator accident in the Dickson building while on his way to his office. Mr. Gwyn was about to step from the elevator when it fell caught his leg and struck him upon the head, the sharp hood covering of the car terribly cutting and mangling the side of his face.

Guy Bell, the colored elevator boy, and the only eye witness to the affair, was later arrested upon a technical charge of murder.

Mr. Gwyn, who married Miss Cunningham, of the prominent North Carolina family by that name, was formerly wealthy and was a large investor at Asheville. He was formerly secretary of the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company prior to its receivership.

PASSENGER JUMPED FROM MOVING TRAIN

Asheville, N. C., March 3.—Ed Lavendar, a passenger on train No. 21, yesterday afternoon and holding a ticket from Marion to Greensboro, leaped from the rear end of the train about 200 yards before it reached the passenger landing at Greenlee. The cause of the rash deed is unknown, but it is supposed that he became excited and losing control of himself, temporarily, took the leap. He fell upon the tracks and was badly bruised. His arm was broken above the elbow and his scalp lacerated. He was taken to Old Fort and attended by the company physician, Dr. McInish. He was employed at a saw mill and is a married man, having two children. He is expected to recover.

FIRE HAS BEEN BURNING IN ONE HOME 80 YEARS

Mr. J. C. Wrenn tells the Roxboro Courier of a remarkable family. Their name is McKees, living in Orange county, near Little River church, and, by the way, among the very best people to be found, who, he says, has had the same fire in the fire place for more than 80 years, and possibly longer than that. The old fork on which the pots were hung in the olden times is still hanging in the fire place and is known to have been in use for more than 110 years. They own a mule, which is doing good work, that is known to be 47 years old. They are not much on style or fashion, but just to be in line a score or more years ago they bought a box of matches, and the box is still full.

These good people buy nothing which can be made at home or raised on the farm, and are setting this generation a good example. —Winston Daily Sentinel.

GAYNOR AND GREEN SENT BACK TO FEDERAL PRISON

Atlanta, Ga., March 7.—Denied the privilege of taking the pauper's oath and swearing off the fine of \$575,000 imposed by the government in connection with prison sentences, Benjamin D. Green and John F. Gaynor today were sent back to the federal prison to await further action in their cases. The hearing was postponed until March 21, when the government representatives expect to show that Green and Gaynor have considerable property under cover and are not entitled to the privilege of the pauper's oath.

Alexander Ackerman, special assistant to the attorney general, representing the government, declared today at the hearing before United States Commissioner Colquitt that Green and Gaynor were convicted of embezzling more than \$575,000 from the government in connection with harbor improvement work at Savannah.

MAIL SACK VINDICATES REV. C. E. BURDETTE

Package Containing \$3,500 Disappeared While Mr. Burdette Was an Illinois Postal Clerk.

A Peoria, Ill., dispatch says that Rev. Charles Edwin Burdette, brother of "Bob" Burdette, the humorist, has been vindicated after thirty years of any blame in connection with the disappearance of \$3,500 from a registered letter package sent out by the Peoria Post Office, of which he was registry clerk.

The \$3,500 disappeared in 1881, after it was put in a registered letter by the late John Comstock. The evidence was against young Burdette, and after the first investigation, Comstock demanded that Gen. D. Magee, postmaster at Peoria who died last year, immediately discharge the registry clerk.

Comstock carried the matter to Washington and an inspector came from Chicago. He recommended that Burdette be discharged, but the postmaster refused to do so, and Burdette held his position. Burdette was working to get money to study for the ministry.

A few years after the Comstock money was missed, Burdette left the Post Office and went to Brown University, and then to Newton Academy. When he was ordained minister he was assigned as a missionary in Assam India. He now has a pastorate at Springfield, Mass.

Into the repair shop at San Francisco a few days ago a battered mail sack was sent to be patched. It was a veteran, and to repair it meant practically a new sack. The first man to inspect the pouch decided it needed a new bottom, and with a knife he ripped the bottom. Above it he saw a big manila envelope, caught by the corners which served practically as a false bottom. He opened it and found it to contain the twelve Comstock letters and the missing \$3,500, which had been wandering about the country for thirty years.

When the finding of the money was reported to the Peoria Post Office friends telegraphed to Mr. Burdette that the cloud hanging over him for so long had been dispelled.

PROGRESS' FORCES MOVE ON ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., March 6.—President Taft, former President Roosevelt and scores of other men of national prominence will tell of the "renaissance of the South" this week when the Southern Commercial Congress convenes Wednesday in the most important session of its history.

Practically every city in the country will be represented. The speakers representing the North and West, as well as the South, will show that the South is to-day competing on almost equal footing with other sections of the country. Particular stress will be laid upon its agricultural and industrial facilities.

The Congress will be in session three days and will probably be attended by more than 20,000 delegates and visitors.

Public Reception.

The King's Daughters of Burlington will hold a public reception in the Armory of the Hot Guards Friday evening March 10, beginning at 7:30 for the benefit of their work. Refreshments will be served, and music will be furnished by the best talent of the city. No admission will be charged, but a box will be provided at the entrance for a silver offering, and the public is cordially invited and urged to attend and lend their aid to this band of noble women in their very laudable work.

The British public always was a little slow in seeing the point of a joke; and in fact there are some jokes that have no point in them.