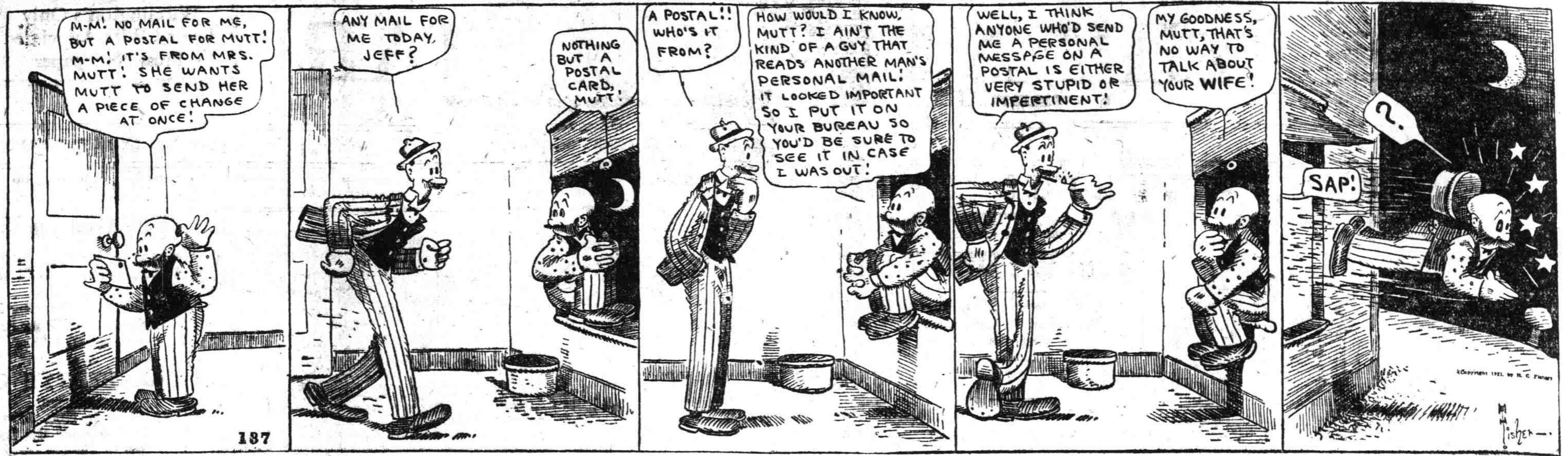


MUTT AND JEFF—Oh, no, Jeff isn't a nibby sort of person at all.



POWER OF RAILROAD SUBJECT OF A DEBATE

Erie Railroad Has Ordered Wage Reduction and Questions Board's Authority

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Sharp contention over the powers of the United States railroad board and the provisions of the transportation act marked the hearing of employees of the Erie railroad against their employer before the board today. The petition of the employees charged violation of the act and of decisions of the labor board. Representatives of the road denied both. The case resulted from an order, effective February 1, reducing common labor wages and deducting one day's pay a week from the salaries of all employees paid on a monthly basis. Most of the argument centered about whether a ruling of the board on February 12, ordering the road to make no change in wage rates was compulsory upon the road which had already put a reduction into effect. It was conceded by the rail representatives that intent of the order was to maintain the rates of the wage award of July, 1920. They denied, however, violation of the law in changing those rates. Business depression and revenue below operating expenses were given as the reason for the reduction order. During his testimony, R. S. Parsons, general manager of the road, was asked by Henry C. Hunt, public member of the board, whether the road's position meant that it would not obey the orders of the board. "We can't do it," Mr. Parsons replied, "we want to do everything possible to go along with the board, but I don't know what we would do if the board issued impossible orders." Samuel Adams, attorney for the Erie, explained the road's attitude on the transportation act from the legal standpoint and denied the power of the board to continue the rates in its decision No. 2 (July 1920), until a hearing had been held on a decision reached. He questioned the enforcement powers of the board and declared its powers were confined to the establishment of just and reasonable wages. This sweeping denial of authority in the hands of the board brought from U. S. Bratton, attorney for the employees a denunciation of the railroad's stand and the declaration that if there was no authority to enforce the board's decisions, as contended by Mr. Adams, the employees "would endeavor to find a way to make the Erie pay." The case by the most diversified argument yet offered in any hearing before the board over wage matters.

CENSORSHIP BILL GETS FAVORABLE REPORT IN BOTH THE COMMITTEES

(Continued from Page One.) that the state it now seeks to pattern a law after is the same state that gave to the union Thaddeus Stevens "who wrote the reconstruction laws and dared to live in Washington with a negro woman." Proud of His Birth He raised high the sectional issue, declared that he was proud of his southern birth and Democratic leanings and as much an exponent of liberty and unbridled thought as of the righteousness of the "lost cause." Colonel Meekins, concluding, called him to task for voting against a bill to make unlawful the possession of obscene literature 36 years ago. They clashed several times and Meekins did valiant service. It saved him twice from humiliation. The committee voted openly but with a large part of the membership from the senate and the house absent. The bill will be debated during the week on the floor.

OFFERS TUMULTY PLACE ON CANADIAN LINE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President Wilson today preferred Joseph P. Tumulty, his private secretary for ten years, an appointment on the international joint committee on arbitration of disputes between the United States and Canada. In confirming the tender of the appointment, Mr. Tumulty said: "It is true that the President has just asked me to accept an appointment on the international joint commission. I very much appreciate the generous offer of the President, but I have not had time to decide the matter. I have been exceedingly busy in finally disposing of the affairs of my office in preparation for engaging in the practice of law."

CONY REACHES HIS FLIGHT DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 23.—Lieut. W. D. Cony, who arrived at Love field at 12:40 p. m. today, resumed his transcontinental flight from San Diego, Cal., to Jacksonville, Fla., at 10:15 o'clock tonight. Following his arrival in the Florida city, Lieutenant Cony is to begin preparations for a flight back to California in a second attempt to establish a cross-country flying record.

OVERMAN IN PLEA FOR COAST GUARD SERVICE

Also Fights Strenuously for Retention of Wilmington Custom House Item

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Senator Overman succeeded today in holding in the \$50,000 for the coast guard service. This is the item he and Senator Simmons fought hard for ten days ago, when the sundry civil bill was up in the senate. This puts the Pacific in service. Arguing for this money, Mr. Overman said: "The house did not give enough money for the coast guard service. The matter of the unpatrolled condition of the coast of North Carolina was not brought up and not understood. Every member of the senate knows this is the most dangerous of all the coasts of the United States. The stretch from Hatteras to Point Lookout on the east side of the state is known to seafaring people throughout the world. That section should be properly patrolled and policed." The Wilmington custom house item put on in the senate is seriously objected to by house members and is subject to a point of order. It was finally agreed that it should be taken back to the house, as the senator from North Carolina would not yield or allow it to go out. The house may strike it out. Senator Overman still has hopes for it. It provides that the secretary of the treasury be and is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase and condemnation, or otherwise, certain additional land across the alley, which joins the east side or rear of the present site of the custom house, appraisers stores, and etc., building at Wilmington, N. C., as an addition to said present site, and pay for such additional land from the unencumbered balance of the appropriations heretofore made for the acquisition of a site and the erection of the custom house, appraisers stores and etc., building in said city."

ASK A LAW DECLARING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS NOT CO-PARTNERSHIPS

(Continued from Page One.) charged with "seeking to inject into American industrial life a device which would strip away from workers of freedom and of the right to function through their organizations." Industrial Disarmament "These instruments," it was added, "serve to create in industry disarmament which inevitably must result in a chaotic industrial condition and consequent loss of production." The conference also asked for public support and recognition of: The right of the working people of the United States to organize into trade unions for the protection of their rights and interests. The right to and practice of collectively bargaining with trade unions through representatives of their own choosing. The right to work and to cease work collectively. The declaration in conclusion urged enactment of federal legislation "which shall protect the workers in their organized capacity against the concept that there is a property right in the labor of a human being." A demand that there be included in the declaration a demand upon congress for the repeal of the Volstead act was declared to be out of place in such a document. This matter was then referred to the executive council of the federation which will make a report tomorrow to the conference.

GOLDSBORO K. K. K. SEEMS TO HAVE DIED NATURALLY

(Special to The Star) GOLDSBORO, Feb. 23.—The local branch of the Ku Klux Klan seems to have died a natural death. It was said at first that there would be 500 members, but following the governor's decided stand against the Klan, local interest appears to have lagged. Leon Howell, white chauffeur, who was found guilty of running into the car of a Mr. Cobb, wrecking the Cobb car and breaking the limbs of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, and who disappeared following his conviction, forfeiting a bond of \$300, has returned to the city and surrendered. He was allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000 for further hearing at May court.

HARDING WILL TAKE OATH ON BIBLE AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President-elect Harding plans to take the oath of office March 4, to press his lips to the Bible which was used at the first inauguration of George Washington. In accord with Mr. Harding's wishes, Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol, arranged today with the St. Johns Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., of New York, for the use of the Bible. It will be brought to Washington by a committee of Masons.

EASTBOUND PLANE THE WINNER MAIL CONTEST

Pilot Allison Lands at Hazelhurst Field, N. Y., With Mail From San Francisco

HAZELHURST, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Pilot E. M. Allison descended at Hazelhurst field at 4:50 o'clock this afternoon with several pouches of mail from San Francisco. The plane left the Pacific coast with another plane, later wrecked in Nevada, at the same time that two planes started west from Hazelhurst in a test ordered by the postoffice department in the hope of establishing a new record for mail carrying machines. Victory on the simultaneous transcontinental flight, therefore, goes to the eastward bound team, as one of the planes leaving Hazelhurst was forced to alight yesterday near Dubois, Pa., and the other stopped at Chicago. Pilot Allison used the same plane that left San Francisco at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The time consumed in crossing the continent was 33 hours and 20 minutes, beating by more than two hours the goal set for the coast-to-coast dash.

MOMENTOUS STEP IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Postoffice department officials, while gratified at the achievement of the air mail service in delivering at New York tonight mail which left San Francisco yesterday morning, said the most remarkable part of the entire performance was the all-night flight from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Chicago, a distance of 838 miles. The all-night flight, made by Pilot Frank Yager and Jack Knight, demonstrated the feasibility of night flying, officials said. With this statement they coupled the announcement that orders had been issued to prepare for regular night flying on the New York and San Francisco route, probably about May 1. Otto Praeger, assistant postmaster-general, described last night's flight between Cheyenne and Chicago as "the most momentous step in civil aviation. He added that it would mean "the speedy revolutionizing of the letter transportation methods and practices throughout the world."

SHIPS AND PASSENGERS ARE DETAINED ACCOUNT TYPHUS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Detained for 36 hours at quarantine while health officers sought any typhus carriers in her crew, the steamship Aquitania finally docked this afternoon. But even then her passengers, who included Dr. S. Alfred Sze, new Chinese minister to the United States, did not immediately step ashore. City health authorities detained them for nearly half an hour while they conducted an examination of 20 second-cabin passengers, boarding the ship from disease-infested areas of Europe. Dr. Sze announced on leaving the boat that he would proceed immediately to Washington to present his credentials. The cargo-passenger boat San Juan, from San Juan, Porto Rico, which arrived at quarantine tonight, will be held there for at least 12 hours until passengers are examined for symptoms of bubonic plague. The Canada, from Marseilles and Naples, with 1,600 steerage and 247 second-cabin passengers aboard, also is being held pending thorough search for typhus suspects. The White Star liner Cedric, which sailed from Liverpool yesterday, will report conditions aboard ship daily, by wireless to the health authorities here to expedite the landing of passengers on arrival, officers of the line said tonight.

LUMBERMAN DENIES HE HAS SOUGHT FOR HIGH PRICES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—R. A. Long, president of the Long-Bell Lumber company, said tonight he had no recollection of a speech delivered by him and which was made part basis of the government's suit against the Southern Pine association at St. Louis today. "I don't believe I ever made the speech," said Mr. Long, who was president of the association at the time the alleged speech was delivered. Mr. Long was quoted as having said that members of the association had increased their profits \$6,000 a year through control of production. Referring to the suit, he said: "When the case comes up for trial it will be shown there is no cause for this action. As far as the Long-Bell company is concerned, its record is clean. In fact, we have sought to keep down prices."

NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 23.—C. E. Young, student of Richmond, Va., narrowly escaped death in the destruction by fire this afternoon of the Chi Phi fraternity house at the University of Virginia. Cut off from escape by a blazing stairway, he jumped from a second story window. He had returned to his room to save some of his books. The building, erected by the fraternity 16 years ago, cost \$7,000.

AGRICULTURE MEASURE CARRIES 41 MILLIONS

Senate Heavily Increases Appropriations Over Amounts Fixed in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Over a running fire from senators who presented detailed objections to its proposals for increased expenditures, the senate tonight passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$41,000,000 for the operation of that department for the year beginning next June. This amount is nearly \$9,000,000 in excess of appropriations for the current year, and almost \$6,000,000 in excess of amounts allowed by the house, to which it was sent for conference after the senate's action. "I am going to ask the next secretary of agriculture to go through this bill as soon as he takes office, and take out of it all the appropriations that allow work to be duplicated by two and sometimes more departments of the government," Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, declared in an unsuccessful attack on numerous sums allowed in the bill. "They ought to be cut out before another estimate comes to congress. This must stop; congress has got to show the departments of this government that two and three of them cannot ask public money to be spent for doing the same kind of work over and over again, simultaneously, and year after year. "One trouble is that different bureaus are enabled to go before different congressional committees and duplicate the appropriations in different bills."

DIPLOMATS ASSURED OF MARCH 4 AT CEREMONIES OF PLEDGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Perturbation in the diplomatic corps over its status at the inaugural ceremonies on March 4 because of the simplicity of the proceedings was removed today by announcement at the capitol that cards of admission to the senate chamber would be substituted for the usual formal engraved invitations. These cards are now being assorted and will be sent to the state department within a few days for distribution to the diplomats and their wives. As is customary, the diplomats will be given places on the senate floor for the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge as Vice-President of the United States. Out to the steps on the east front of the capitol for the inauguration of President-elect Harding. At the senate ceremonies the wives of the diplomats will occupy the diplomatic gallery. The foreign envoys, resident in gorgeous court uniforms, will form in the senate marble room and be escorted into the senate chamber in the order of their precedence.

MARSHALL BASS CONVICTED OF SHOOTING WIFE TO DEATH

DUBLIN, Ga., Feb. 23.—Marshall Bass was convicted here tonight by a jury of a charge of killing his wife near here several months ago. Bass pleaded that the shooting was accidental, the gun being discharged when his five-year-old son grabbed it as he and his wife and boy were walking along the road. Mrs. Bass was carrying her baby in her arms at the time and according to her dying statement, as related to the jury by Dr. W. R. Brigham, Bass shot her in anger over a visit she paid her father. Counsel for Bass applied for a new trial and March 26 was set for a hearing.

GERMAN WAR EAGLE TO BE SENT TO JAPANESE CITY

TSINGTAO, China, Jan. 10.—(Correspondence Associated Press).—Japanese authorities announce that the huge German eagle carved in granite stands on one of the hills flanking the harbor of Tsingtao, across which has been superimposed the insignia of imperial Japan, will be blasted from the hillside and removed to Tokyo where it will be placed in a museum. When the Japanese seized Tsingtao in the first year of the war with Germany, they inscribed the date of their victory across the eagle—November 7, Third Year of Taisho, (1914).

ENGLISH GUINEA VALUE \$5.25

The English guinea, value \$5.25, was first coined in 1673 and derived its name from the gold, which was first obtained from Guinea, Africa.

EDUCATIONAL HEARING IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Morning Star Bureau, Yarrowburgh Hotel. By R. E. POWELL. RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—Train loads of educators from Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville, Winston and other big towns in the state swamped down upon a legislative committee tonight and made an impressive plea for \$20,000,000 for higher education. Capt. Bob Williams, of Asheville, and Mrs. Chas. C. Hook of Charlotte, were easily the strongest proponents of the bigger program. The hall of the house was packed almost as tight as it was during the censorship fight of the afternoon and it gave Mrs. Hook a demonstration when she concluded her talk. Most of the arguments have been advanced. It was a pleasant sort of meeting with but one bit of friction and this from a ruralite who wanted the "public schools" to get a part of the big fund. Former Senator Alf Scales was willing for a part of it to go this way. F. P. Wharton, of Greensboro; Dorman Thompson, of Statesville; Dr. Howard Bondshaler, of Winston-Salem; ex-Senator Stahle Lynn, of Salisbury; C. B. Newcomb, of Wilmington; F. R. Hobgood, of Oxford, and Mrs. W. P. Swift, of Greensboro, were the other speakers.

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