

FOR BETTER WATERWAYS

CONGRESSMAN MAKES PLEA

Sanquet of the New England Dry Goods Association Attended by Congressmen From Two States and Other Prominent Speakers—Congressman Randall, of Louisiana, Had as His Subject "Our Nation's Waterways" and Made Plea For New Waterways and Better Harbors—Says Water Transportation is Much Better Adapted For Low-Class, Bulky Imperishable Articles and is Much Cheaper Than the Other.

Boston, April 20.—Congressmen from two States and other prominent speakers to-night added their influence to boom the new waterways and harbor improvements demanded by the Dry Goods Association. The occasion was a banquet given by the New England Dry Goods Association. Congressman Joseph E. Russell, of Louisiana, spoke on "Our Nation's Waterways." He said in part:

"Water transportation is much cheaper than other modes of transport adapted for heavy, low class, bulky, imperishable articles, such as coal, mineral ores, structural steel and rails, lumber, cotton and grain. To transport freights of this character on first-class waters like Long Island sound and the Great Lakes and lower Mississippi river costs about one-sixth as much as the average rate by rail.

"An expenditure of five hundred millions on the rivers, harbors and coastal waters of the United States would perfect a water transportation system of fully 75 per cent. efficiency which is now imperfect as to be of small value. This system could move enormous volumes of freight to and from nearly every part of the Union and at such cheap rates that the saving in reduced freight charges probably would equal the total cost every year.

"Congress should make prompt provision for improving all our worthy waterways, and the best method is by a bond issue of \$50,000,000 a year for the next ten years. Money spent wisely on this investment, returning for all time a heavy interest in cheapened freights, and as posterity will reap the greatest part of the benefit it should help to pay the debt.

"Our railroads are planning to expend five thousand millions in extensions and enlargements. This colossal sum is to be raised by issuing bonds, which the people will have to pay. One-tenth of this sum, or \$500,000,000, spent on waterways would accomplish as great results in freight moving, and at one-sixth of the railroads.

"We should watch water terminals with eagle eyes. In many localities they are owned and operated by railroads in their selfish interests, with scant regard for the rights of their rivals, for their purpose is to make navigable waters should be public property and all transportation agencies between land and water should use them on equal terms. In making appropriations for improving water courses Congress should exact as a condition precedent, ample public terminals to be provided by the local community."

GALLAGHER ON STAND

Former Chairman of Board of Supervisors Told Story of the Corruption in Mayor Schmitz's Administration—Witness in Callahan Case.

San Francisco, Cal., April 20.—For the tenth time since his confession of bribery was recorded in 1907, James L. Gallagher, once chairman of the board of supervisors, today was summoned as a witness in the trial of bribery of Patrick Callahan, president of the United Railroads. He repeated the story of all the corruption that brought about the downfall of Mayor Schmitz's administration and the indictment of a score of prominent men.

Gallagher was called after former Supervisor Ferdinand P. Nicholas, who is alleged to have received a bribe from the defendant, had been subjected to an examination lasting three days.

Gallagher declared he had talked with Abraham Ruef about the application of the United Railroads for an overhead trolley permit before the fire of 1906 and that Ruef had requested him to ascertain if the permit would be granted by the board.

"I talked with several members of the board," testified Gallagher, and remember that Andrew Wilson expressed a belief that they would be a large payment. He mentioned \$10,000 for each member of the board. I reported to Ruef that the ordinance could be put through and at this meeting it was understood that I was to receive \$15,000, and that the others \$10,000 and the others \$4,000 each."

Gallagher testified that he had received \$85,000 in three payments, but that he had disbursed it to other members of the board.

LAKE MATTAMUSKEET REGION

Major Joseph E. Kuhn, United States Engineer, to Make Examination to Ascertain Practicability of Connecting Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds.

Norfolk, Va., April 20.—Major Joseph E. Kuhn, United States engineer in charge of the Norfolk district, left today for North Carolina for the purpose of making a preliminary examination of Lake Mattamuskeet region with a view of ascertaining the practicability of connecting the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds by a canal as a part of the inland waterway from Norfolk southward. The examination is at the request of the inland water board. Major Kuhn expects to spend four or five days in the inspection.

"Tennessee Dutch" Under Arrest?

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Advices received here today by the postoffice inspector in charge from the authorities at Bowling Green, Ky., are to the effect that a man believed to be "Tennessee Dutch," the noted safe blow-up man, recently escaped from the Greenfield, C. jail, is under arrest there. The man is being held pending identification.

Half Million Gallons of Whiskey Destroyed

Belfast, April 20.—Fire today destroyed half a million gallons of whiskey at a bonded warehouse in Belfast. The entire fire brigade was engaged in fighting the flames but the men were driven back frequently by the fierce heat and the exploding of casks of spirits. The loss is estimated at \$1,250,000. Twenty persons were injured.

Fletcher Elected U. S. Senator

Tallahassee, Fla., April 20.—Duncan U. Fletcher, of Jacksonville, was today elected United States Senator by the Legislature.

MASSACRES IN ADANA

Armenians Hedged to Their Quarters and Remained For Forty-Eight Hours—Thousands Homeless and Famine is Imminent.

Larvaca, Cyprus, April 20.—Advices received here from Adana by way of Latakia, Syria, say that massacres began in the markets at Adana Wednesday morning. The Armenians retired to their own quarters and resisted for 48 hours. The Christian bazaars were looted and burned. For several days the villagers came in from the surrounding country in hordes. They were armed by the authorities, who pretended to regard them as military reserves.

Women and children were horribly mutilated, the missionaries, Rogers and Mauer, being shot dead while fighting the fire. The massacres then spread to Tarsus and other places. The whole district is in a shocking condition. Thousands are homeless and famine is imminent. The 4,000 refugees in the yard of the American College are in a pitiable condition. Provisions, clothing and physicians are urgently needed.

FIVE THOUSAND SLAIN

Result of Outbreak of Moslem Fanaticism—In Adana 2,000 Were Killed. Constantinople, April 20.—No less than 5,000 persons lost their lives in the massacres that have been going on in the vilayet of Adana during the past eight days as a result of the outbreak of Moslem fanaticism. Of this total 2,000 were killed in the city of Adana, more than 200 of the victims being Moslems.

This information was received in Constantinople through consular channels. Adana at present is quiet, but there have been renewed attacks on Christians at Marash in the vilayet of Aleppo, about 80 miles northeast of Alexandria. The consular advisers describe the situation as extremely precarious. The excitement at the Port of Alexandria is intense, although the presence of the British cruiser Diana at that port is expected to have a tranquillizing effect.

Disturbances are reported from Hadjin in the northern extremity of the Adana vilayet, where a large Armenian community is counted upon to defend itself.

WILL MEET ROOSEVELT

King Edward Wires Governor of Protectorate to Meet Ex-President Upon His Arrival at Mombassa and to Show Him Every Care.

Mombasa, British East Africa, April 20.—King Edward has sent a personal cablegram to F. J. Jackson, the acting Governor of the protectorate, instructing him to meet Theodore Roosevelt upon his arrival here and show him every consideration and care.

The British cruiser Pandora came into port today and will take part in the welcome to be extended to the former President of the United States. The steamer Admiral, with the Roosevelt party on board, stopped at Mogadiscio, on the eastern coast of Italian Somaliland, on the way down from Aden, and a message received here today says that she has been delayed, she consequently may not arrive here at the scheduled time tomorrow, in which event the programme for Mr. Roosevelt's welcome will be upset. The present plan is for Mr. Roosevelt to leave for Kapiti Thursday afternoon.

Major Louis L. Seaman, of New York, today expressed the opinion that Mr. Roosevelt's greatest danger would not be from lions, rhinoceroses, or elephants, but from the insects, flies, mosquitoes, and the malarial fever which is said to be fatal, and the spritlike tick.

FED CHILD TO HOGS

Two-Year-Old Negro, Angry Because Stepmother Left Him in Charge of His Stepbrothers and Sisters, Injured the Three Children.

New Orleans, April 20.—Because his stepmother had left him in charge of his stepbrothers and sisters, Tom Goff, a two-year-old negro, fed the youngest of his charges to the hogs and later with an axe inflicted what will probably prove fatal wounds on the other children.

The children were injured. The stepmother reported the crime to the parish authorities and Tom was placed in jail at Opelousas. She says she found the baby in the pen with the hogs when she returned home late last night. The baby and feet had been eaten off, but it was still alive. She straightway whipped Tom and when she went for a doctor to attend the baby, Tom seized an axe and attacked his six-year-old stepbrother, inflicting several deep wounds. His young stepbrother intervened and he crushed her skull with the axe. The girl is dying and the other two children have little chance for recovery.

TUNNELED THEIR WAY

Robbers Work Ten Days to Gain Admission to Bank of Suffolk, Going Under Four Other Buildings.

Suffolk, Va., April 20.—Tunneling their way under four other buildings to reach the vaults of a bank, robbers finally gained admission to the Bank of Suffolk, carried away with them a large amount of loose currency, gold and silver, and succeeded in making their escape.

Although the loss was discovered by the bank officials Monday morning, no notification was given to the police until late this afternoon. It is thought that the thieves must have spent at least ten days before they succeeded in reaching the bank by their underground course on Sunday or Sunday night. They attempted to break open the vault but did not succeed. They secured about \$1,500. Inside the tunnels were found empty bottles, cigar stumps and bits of food which make it evident that they must have spent most of their time there. Employees in one of the stores under which they tunneled say that they noticed some peculiar noises during the past week.

TO PROTECT AMERICANS

The North Carolina and the Montana Will Be Despatched to Turkey.

Washington, April 20.—To afford all protection to American citizens and their interests in Turkey, the administration has decided to despatch a special cruiser squadron to that country.

The squadron will consist of the North Carolina and Montana now at Guantanamo, Cuba, under command of Captains Marshall and Reynolds, respectively. Their immediate objective point will be Alexandria, on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey, which is in close proximity to Tarsus and Adana, where serious trouble has occurred.

Governor Lilley Near Death

Hartford, Conn., April 20.—The attending physicians announced late tonight that the death of Governor George L. Lilley was a matter of probability but a few hours. He is unconscious and very weak and does not respond to stimulants.

WILL FIGHT JACK JOHNSON

James J. Jeffries Electrifies Audience by Announcing That He Will Defend His Title as the Undefeated Champion of the World—The Conditions.

New York, April 20.—"I will fight Jack Johnson. I will defend my title as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world."

Before an audience that packed the American music hall and in which there were as many women as men, James J. Jeffries tonight made this formal announcement.

It was a signal for great joy. Excited men leaped from their seats, shouted and cheered and the many women in the audience applauded. Their shrill and excited cries of approval as they stood up and waved their handkerchiefs and even their peach-basket hats to the ponderous, bowing and blushing undefeated champion, added picturesqueness to a remarkable scene.

In the streets were hundreds of persons, who could not get into the theatre, although high premiums were offered for seats. Early in the day Jeffries had promised to give his reason tonight. Those outside waited for Jeffries and the police had to clear a way for him to his automobile or he might have been captured and borne off by his admirers.

After his sparring exhibition with Sam Berger, the audience shouted for Jeffries to come out and make the statement he had promised. "The big fellow" soon appeared, his bath robe or dressing gown revealing his shaggy head and great red fists.

The house went wild, wildly and Jeffries stood near the footlights, smiling and bowing, and raising his hands for order. After several minutes, the audience became reasonably quiet and Jeffries made his announcement.

There are several conditions attached by Jeffries. First, Johnson must defeat Ketchel. Then Jeffries cannot sign articles for possibly ten months and he insists that the fight shall take place in this country and that it shall be unlimited as to rounds.

He made these conditions known orally to the newspaper men after addressing the audience.

Johnson is Willing

Pittsburg, Pa., April 20.—Jack Johnson said today that if Jeffries is in earnest and will post a forfeit, he will cancel all fighting engagements and welcome the chance to meet the former champion in the ring.

J. C. MEREDITH DEAD

Chief Engineer of the Florida East Coast Railway Extension Died as a Result of Devotion to Duty.

Miami, Fla., April 20.—J. C. Meredith, chief engineer of the Florida East Coast Railway extension, died suddenly here today of diabetes.

Mr. Meredith died as a result of devotion to duty. Several months ago when advised by physicians to take a trip to Europe he refused, saying he expected to remain on the job until the East Coast extension was completed. Last Saturday afternoon he was brought from Marathon, Fla., the base of operations of the railway work.

Mr. Meredith had been on the extension work since the spring of 1907, when he was brought from the construction of the Mexican Central Railway to engineer the difficult task of laying a line of cement and steel across impassible rocks, treacherous marshes and sheer stretches of open water of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean.

RATE INCREASES STOPPED

Injunction Restrains C. & O. Road From Filing Schedule With Interstate Commerce Commission, Increasing Rate on Coal.

Richmond, Va., April 20.—Action of court today stopped the increase in freight rates proposed on coal shipped from the New river and Kanawha districts of West Virginia to lake ports, on the petition of the cabin creek consolidated coal company of Kanawha county, West Virginia. Judge Goff, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, issued an injunction restraining the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad from filing a schedule with the Interstate Commerce Commission, increasing the rate. Judge Goff held that unless the road was so restrained irreparable injury might result.

Two-Year-Old Girl Drank Carbolic Acid

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—A special to The Constitution from Columbus, Ga., says:

Mary Henderson, the 2-year-old daughter of W. L. Henderson, while playing on the porch of their home today, secured a bottle of carbolic acid from the medicine chest under the bed, drank a part of the contents and died shortly afterwards.

Have a Patten

Durham Sun. At last they seem to have a Patten on wheat cornering in Chicago.

Protection Needed

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ANGLE IS ARRESTED

Former President of Dry Fork Distilling Company is Charged With Defrauding the Government—Hgs. Just Completed a Term of 13 Months in Federal Prison.

Danville, Va., April 20.—T. M. Angle, former president of the Dry Fork Distilling Company, who it was alleged, perpetrated revenue frauds on the government to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars, arrived in the city today from Atlanta, Ga., in custody of a United States deputy marshal, having been arrested after completing a term of thirteen months in the Federal prison.

Angle, while under sentence of thirteen months in North Carolina was convicted in this city last spring of revenue frauds in connection with the Dry Fork Company. He was out on a \$20,000 bond when the decision of the North Carolina court was affirmed. He will likely furnish a new bond tomorrow.

Work of the Legislature

Winston Sentinel. The following editorial paragraph appeared in The Charlotte Observer a few days ago:

"Statistics just compiled show that during 1907 41 State Legislatures met and passed in the aggregate, 16,084 laws and resolutions. North Carolina yielded with 1,572 in a session of 62 days, averaging 25 a day. Michigan passed 790, Connecticut 782, Alabama 766, Pennsylvania 741, and Wisconsin 724. Proud though we are of that fine record, which North Carolina is wont to show, we would rather it forbore making this particular form. The Legislature of 1909 did far better."

In our opinion, the North Carolina Legislature of 1907 did pass too many laws, but the comparative showing is not as bad as the figures above would indicate, for the reason that in this State the Legislature has to deal with a large number of purely local matters as well as general bills and these local bills, which the Legislatures of many States do not have to deal with are largely responsible for the big number of laws enacted. A bill was introduced in the last General Assembly, the purpose of which was to reduce that body from the consideration of so many local matters, and it should have passed.

Escaped From Jail

Rome, Ga., April 20.—"Boss" Huntcutt, a white man, charged with horse stealing, escaped from the jail here today by sawing the bars of his cell and those of a window in the outer wall. This is his third escape from jail within two years.

Prince of Samos Reported Murdered

Vienna, April 20.—A telegram received here from Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, declares that Andre Kopassia Effendi, Prince of Samos, has been murdered.

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