

TWO MESSAGES DECIDED UPON

Where There Was to Be One—Three Special Messages Will Be Issued by the President in the Next Few Days.

A FEW VERBAL CHANGES TO SUIT THE RAILROAD MEN

Third Message, on Conservation, Monday, Will Suggest \$30,000,000 Loan for Carrying Out Reclamation Projects.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Another change in President Taft's program of special messages to congress was announced at the White House today.

Following his conference with the presidents of six of the greatest railroad systems of the country, President Taft late yesterday afternoon announced a change of program in the sending of his message dealing with interstate commerce and anti-trust law amendments to congress.

As a result of the call of the railroad presidents it was said that only two verbal changes would be made in the draft of the message dealing with interstate commerce law and that these would be only to the end of clarifying the meaning of the recommendations.

After two years of more or less depression, they did not seek to deter the president from sending in his message. They devoted themselves to more or less specific objections to the bill prepared by Attorney General Wickham, which forms the text for the message.

One of the changes which President Taft agreed to make in his recommendations has to do with the language of the proposed amendment prohibiting a railroad company from acquiring stock in any competing railroad in the future or from holding stock in a competing railroad after a given date.

The law, as President Taft will suggest it, will provide that where a railroad owns 50 per cent. or more of the stock of another, it may acquire the remainder. This, it is said, would afford a measure of protection to minority stockholders, for if the railroad owning the majority of stock should be prohibited from acquiring any more, the minority would lose their only possible purchaser.

AN ARCTIC WAVE HITS NEW YORK

A High Wind Also Swept in from West, Doing Considerable Property Damage.

SHIPPING IN DANGER SAYS NORFOLK DISPATCH

A Snow Storm Develops in the Middle West Which May Cripple the Railroad Traffic.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A heavy snow storm, which undoubtedly will have a serious effect upon railway and other traffic conditions, has developed in the middle west, and will set in over the Lake region and middle and north central valleys today, and begin in the middle Atlantic and New England states by Wednesday.

In a special bulletin Prof. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, has warned all points throughout the northeastern part of the country of the approach of the storm. It is of marked intensity, and was first noted this morning over the plains states.

New York, Jan. 4.—High winds which swept in from the west worked havoc in many sections of the city and vicinity, causing heavy property damage. The wind ushered in a cold wave which sent the temperature down. Arctic rigidity is predicted by night.

Norfolk, Jan. 4.—With a wind blowing from 36 to 48 miles per hour from the northwest, the Virginia-Carolina and Maryland coasts were today swept by a winter gale, with high seas, which made it dangerous for all shipping caught at sea.

ARREST AND BAIL HEARING GOES ON

Hayne et al. Case Before Judge Pritchard on Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The hearing on the habeas corpus proceedings of R. J. Woolley and Cratten Whitaker, the two Henderson county men who were recently taken in arrest and bail proceedings instituted by Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans to obtain possession of the "Beaumont" property near Elk Rock, was still in progress at 3:45 this afternoon before Judge Pritchard.

During the hearing this morning affidavits were read from several people dealing with the incidents which led to the institution of the writ and arrest and bail proceedings. An affidavit by E. W. Eubank, presented by Judge H. G. Ewart, attorney for R. J. Woolley and Cratten Whitaker, set forth that the property was sold for \$15,000, and that it was incorporated in the deed that the dwelling was to be vacated by October 15.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News. "CHEER UP! THE WORST IS YET TO COME"

MR. MANN HAS INTRODUCED BILL

Administration Supporter Presents a Bill Not at All Like the One Favored by Administration.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A bill making sweeping changes in the interstate commerce law for the regulation of railroads was introduced in the house today by Representative Mann of Illinois. The bill is not in accordance with the administration bill prepared under the direction of President Taft.

PRESIDENT FAVORS HUMPHREY BILL

California Member, Humphrey, Says Mr. Taft Approves of His Ship Subsidy Measure.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The bill for ship subsidy, which its author, Representative Humphrey of Washington says has the approval of President Taft, introduced in the house, provides for the construction of ships under the approval of the navy department.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN THE HUNTING FIELD

Young Case, of Transylvania, the Victim of a Hunting Accident on New Year's.

ENTIRE INDUSTRY IN TRUST'S HANDS

If Tobacco Trust Cannot Be Reached, Says McReynolds, Fancied Security Against Extortion and Wrong Is a Myth—Attorney Nicol's Argument in Its Defense.

Washington, Jan. 4.—After addressing the court in the tobacco trust case, now under argument before the Supreme court of the United States, Special Assistant Attorney General McReynolds concluded his argument in the prosecution of the case and was followed by Attorney Nicol of New York, who spoke in behalf of the tobacco company.

CHATTANOOGANS REGAIN LIBERTY

Some of the Men Sentenced for Contempt of Court Were Released This Morning.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Having served the terms of the sentence imposed upon them by the Supreme court of the United States, Jeremiah Gibson, Henry Padgett and William Hayne, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were released from the United States jail this morning.

EXTREME FEVERISHNESS IN THE MONEY MARKET

Tais Tone Was Reflected by the Unsettled Condition of the Stock Market.

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Cotton Yarn Manufacturers Consider the Advisability of Closing the Mills Temporarily.

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It is Realized That High Price of Raw Cotton Has Given Rise to Serious Situation.

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Judge Adams Takes Action in Matter of the Proposed Road Bonds for Swannanoa.

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HIS POLAR DATA ARE ON THE WAY

Dr. Cook's Polar Papers Will Be in Hands of Geographic Society This Week.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar data are on the way to Washington to be examined by the National Geographic society. The documents were started from Copenhagen December 21, and are due in Washington at the end of the present week.

More Trouble Caused by Alabama Night Riders. Mobile, Jan. 4.—News has been received here that about the same time James Middleton, principal government witness in a night rider trial set for hearing in the federal court here this month, was assassinated at his home in Baldwin county Saturday night, unknown parties fired into the home of D. L. Comstock, plaintiff in the case, Comstock's six years old son had a narrow escape from death.

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House and Senate Adjourn After Very Brief Sessions. Both Pass Resolutions of Respect to Memory of Senator McClaurin of Mississippi.