

THE OTHER PAPERS TRANSMITTED LATE YESTERDAY, HELD UP IN SENATE

Senators Apparently Acting upon Assumption That Friends of Mrs. Reed Wish Further Hearing.

DUNCAN HANDLING MATTERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Nominations Show That the Butler-Morehead-Grant Combination Have Lost out in Their Efforts to Destroy Him.

The Gazette-News Bureau, 446 Post Building, Washington, Feb. 26.

Late yesterday afternoon President Taft sent a second batch of nominations to the senate, which included that of E. J. Luther as postmaster of Baltimore. His nomination has already been held up in the senate postoffice committee where it is likely to remain many months.

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C. F. McKesson will be named for postmaster at Morganton.

THE RATES ARE TO BE REDUCED

Important Action of Interest to Southern Fruit Growers Taken by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The rates on shipments of fruits and vegetables from Florida to the north and west were today ordered reduced by the interstate commerce commission.

RIOT AT STEEL PLANT AS RESULT OF STRIKE

Two Foreigners Are Shot, as Result of Clash With Members of State Police.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 26.—Two foreigners were shot during a fight this morning, the result of a strike among employees of the Bethlehem Steel company.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Nearly every one of the president's callers today carried an invitation in his hand for the president to go somewhere.

GIFFORD PINCHOT TAKES THE STAND

Charges That Ballinger is the Enemy of Conservation and Also Untruthful.

DECEIVED THE PRESIDENT AND WAS DISLOYAL TO HIM

He Believes Glavis Was Faithful Public Servant and That Ballinger is Not.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Gifford Pinchot, the deposed government forester, sprang a sensation when he appeared as a witness for the "prosecution" at the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry this afternoon.

Mr. Pinchot asserted that when he charged Ballinger with being an enemy to the conservation policy, Ballinger "captioned the climax" by giving President Taft an explanation of his conduct, "that was essentially false."

Pinchot laid before the congressional committee what he termed a "consecutive story" of his experiences with Secretary Ballinger in relation to the conservation of natural resources.

Pinchot referred to a letter which he had before President Taft charging that Ballinger was a dangerous enemy to conservation and then added: "I shall show you that this letter was submitted by the president to Ballinger, and that as part of his reply he laid before President Taft a statement concerning the Cunningham coal claims which statement is shown by undatable documentary evidence to be absolutely false in essential particulars."

WILL NOT AGAIN BE A CANDIDATE

Mr. Bryan Says He Neither Expects Nor Desires to Run for the Presidency Again.

New York, Feb. 26.—Cable dispatches from Valparaiso say that William Jennings Bryan declared there that "he neither desired or expected to be again a candidate for the presidency."

A few days since some of the close friends of Mr. Bryan were quoted as saying he would be a candidate.

Marriage License for Mr. Belmont and Miss Robson.

New York, Feb. 26.—A marriage license is issued to August Belmont, capitalist, and Eleanor Elise Robson, actress.

Big Race Tracks Pool Interests.

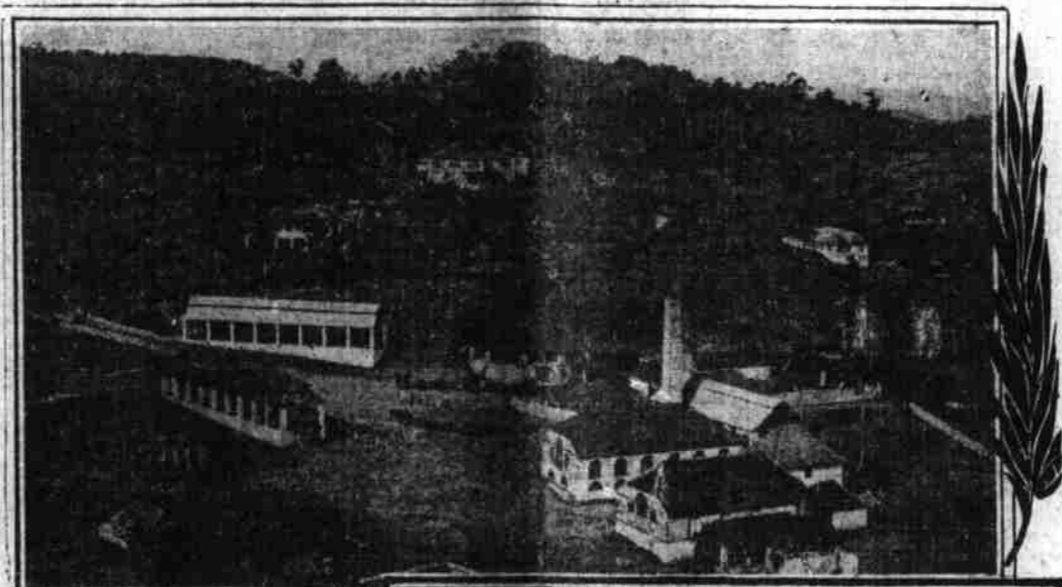
New York, Feb. 26.—Four of the big race tracks around New York have pooled interests for the coming season.

One Killed by Dynamite Explosion.

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 26.—One man was instantly killed and several others were badly injured in a dynamite explosion in Buck Mountain colliery today.

Pennsylvania Limited Train Derailed.

Twenty Thousand Men Are on Strike In the Guadeloupe Sugar District



SUGAR ESTATE IN GUADELOUPE WEST INDIES

CONVENTION TO BE HELD APRIL 2

This Action Taken by Republican Executive Committee of Tenth District at Meeting Today.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE CHOSEN

Mr. Grant Writes That He Will Have a Couple of Speakers of National Reputation Here on Date Mentioned.

At a meeting of the Republican Executive committee of the Tenth congressional district here today, with a large attendance of delegates, it was decided to hold the convention for the nomination of a candidate to congress on Saturday, April 2.

At the conclusion, a new executive committee will have to be chosen and also a campaign manager. Should W. E. Logan succeed in landing the position of marshal for the western district of North Carolina he will therefore not be a candidate for re-election as chairman of the executive committee.

At the meeting today were W. E. Logan, Horace Sentelle of Haywood, R. G. Snyder of Jackson, A. O. DeWeese of Cherokee, W. L. Walker of Rutherford, D. E. English of Transylvania, W. C. Robertson of Polk, D. A. Kampe of McDowell were represented by proxies. Macon, Swain and Henderson were not represented.

The members of the committee are of the opinion that the outlook for carrying the district is very bright. Congressman Grant has written Mr. Logan that at the convention he will have at least two speakers of national reputation.

Following is the call: Asheville, N. C., Feb. 26, 1910. To the Republicans of the Tenth Congressional District:

Notice is hereby given that a convention of the Republicans of the Tenth Congressional district is hereby called to meet in the city of Asheville, N. C. on Saturday, April 2, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the sixty-second congress of the United States; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said convention.

The chairman of the respective committees within the district are requested to call the meetings of their county conventions giving not less than fifteen days' notice before the meeting of the county convention, as required by the party's plan of organization, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional convention. W. E. LOGAN, Chairman of Congressional Executive Committee.

A. G. DEWEESSE, Secretary of the Congressional Executive Committee.

Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn is Placed Under Arrest.

Kirkville, Mo., Feb. 26.—The arrest of Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn, announced today by Prosecuting Attorney Reiser, on the charge of murdering her husband, marks another step in what promises to be one of the most sensational cases in the state's history.

Mrs. Vaughn soon after arrest was released on a \$25,000 bond.

Annulment Voted.



STRIKING SUGAR WORKERS

IS STILL AN "OUT" BUT IS TRANQUIL

The Proud Possessor of a Telegram Which Says His Time Will Come Monday, or Thereabouts.

Politically speaking, numerous tongues were not wagging yesterday at a great rate when Washington dispatches to this paper announced that a number of long-overdue Tar Heel appointments had actually got as far as the Senate.

New York, Feb. 26.—A motion to nullify the charter of the National Packing company, one of the corporations indicted yesterday for conspiracy to raise the price of meat by the Hudson county grand jury will be made next week by Prosecutor Garven.

New York, Feb. 26.—The beef trust of the United States, embracing six great packing companies and twenty-one packers, several of them multi-millionaires, socially and industrially prominent, were indicted by a grand jury in Hudson county, New Jersey, charged with conspiracy in limiting the supply of meat and poultry.

The indictment is drawn under the law of New Jersey which provides, upon conviction, a maximum penalty of three years in the penitentiary, or a \$10,000 fine or both.

HE IS JUST LIKE AN INNOCENT CHILD

So Says Norman Meek, Democratic Chairman, in Writing of President Taft in Magazine.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Chairman Norman E. Meek, of the democratic national committee, makes it evident in the March number of the National Monthly that he believes the tariff and the high cost of living will be two of the principal issues of the democratic congressional campaign of the present year.

Meek criticizes Taft's Lincoln Day speech, and declares: "On the question of tariff making Mr. Taft is an innocent child compared to the astute and crafty Aldrich."

Serious Fire at Dartmouth College.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 26.—Students were routed from their beds when they destroyed the Fayerweather dormitory at Dartmouth, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Two Killed by Freight Train.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—Two men were killed and three others fatally injured near Leechburg, when run down on the railroad tracks by a freight train today.

SIGNS ARE OMINOUS, AS RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, IN PHILADELPHIA

EXEMPTION ASKED BY THE SOUTHERN

It Wants Certain Modifications as to the Electric Headlight Statute.

CHOLERA AMONG THE HOGS AND AGENT IS SENT TO FARM

Supreme Court Holds That a Railroad Company in Hands of a Receiver May Not Be Arrested.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building.

Raleigh, Feb. 16. The Southern railway files a petition with the corporation commission asking that the Southern be exempted in certain particulars from the operation of the electric headlight statute.

It therefore prays that exceptions to the operation of the electric headlight statute be made for all trains between Danville and Norfolk, having about ten miles of North Carolina line; all Mount Airy and Wilkesboro trains over the main line, Greensboro to Potomac Junction; all Taylorsville and Winston-Salem trains, that pass over the line between the A. T. & O. Junction and Charlotte, eleven miles; all trains on the Columbia division between Charlotte and the South Carolina line eleven miles; trains on the Charlotte division between Charlotte and the South Carolina line; all trains from Asheville to the Tennessee line and Asheville to the South Carolina line.

An appeal has come from the Selwyn farm, near Charlotte, owned by Mr. Moore, proprietor of Selwyn hotel, to the state department of agriculture, for expert aid in stamping out hog cholera that has invaded the famous herd of swine on this farm. Dr. Woods, assistant state veterinarian, left Raleigh last night for Charlotte to undertake the eradication of this destructive disease. He carried with him a quantity of cholera serum made in the laboratory of the state department. This is the second time there has been occasion for use of this serum since the state department began its manufacture. It was used effectively a few weeks ago in Anson county. The hogs on the Selwyn farm are the Berkshire breed and constitute one of the most famous herds in the entire south. Mr. Moore also has a herd of Jersey cattle that has attracted wide attention.

The Supreme court holds in State vs. Railroad, in which the opinion is just delivered, that a railroad receiver is not subject to arrest for violation of ordinances and that only the receivers can be held personally liable. The case in point was that of State vs. Norfolk & Southern Railroad company, from Washington, in which the railroad company was fined for blocking the streets with a train longer than the town ordinance allowed.

A case of very general interest decided in the batch of opinions delivered was State vs. Whedbee, from Union county, involving the appeal of T. C. Whedbee from conviction and sentence to two years imprisonment for false pretenses in effecting the sale of stock in the noted Seminole Securities company fraudulent developments, which stirred North and South Carolina, especially a few months ago. The supreme court sustains the appeal made on the ground of defective indictment and orders an arrest of judgment. In the trial before it was set out that Whedbee fraudulently induced W. C. Heath to invest \$750 in the stock of the Seminole company.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Home. After a two weeks' bridal trip South Postmaster Willis G. Briggs and his bride, who was Mrs. Sanderlin, of Washington, daughter of the former state auditor of North Carolina, returned to the city today. Within a week they will begin housekeeping at 218 Edenton street. In the meantime they are at the home of Mr. Briggs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Briggs.

Asquith Confers With the King.

London, Feb. 26.—Premier Asquith has had an audience with King Edward, presumably to acquaint him with the proposed modifications of the government's attitude toward the principal questions dealt with in the speech from the throne.

Increased Pay for S. A. L. Men.

Norfolk, Feb. 26.—Two and one-half cents an hour increase for all skilled laborers employed by the Seaboard Air Line will go into effect March 1, according to an announcement today from Portsmouth. The increase affects 2000 men.

One of the Strike Leaders, Charged With Inciting to Riot, is Arrested.

THE TRACTION COMPANY WILL NOT ARBITRATE

This Situation Leads to the Fear That the Fight Will Be Long-Drawn Out, and Very Bitter.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Despite great gains made toward the re-establishment of order, the city authorities are apprehensive over what today and tomorrow may develop in the conflict between the Traction company and the strikers. The arrest of John J. Murphy, one of the strike leaders, charged with inciting to riot, added to the uneasiness in labor circles.

The flat refusal of Traction officials to entertain a proposition for arbitration leads many to believe that the contest will continue until one or the other surrenders. Cars are still being operated on all lines, under police protection, and meanwhile the menace of a general sympathetic strike still hangs over the city.

Talked About Blood. Murphy, one of the strike leaders, arrested, charged with inciting to riot, through a newspaper interview, was released during the day in \$3,000 bail. Murphy in the interview referred to Mayor Reubens as a "puppet," and said if one man is shot by the police a carnival of riot and bloodshed will follow which will strangle the country.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CORN CONTEST

Asheville Packing Co. and Virginia-Carolina Co. Make Valuable Contributions in Way of Fertilizers.

Further contributions were made to the prize list in the contest today in the form of some high grade fertilizers. The Asheville Packing company, in addition to the \$25 cash prize, announces that it will give to the winner a ton of its best grade corn fertilizer, while the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company will donate two tons of its highest grade fertilizer. Mr. Sternberg, of the Packing company, gave the information yesterday that a representative of the Virginia-Carolina concern had recently visited this section, and expressed a lively interest in the movement for improved methods of farming. He authorized Mr. Sternberg, whose company has taken the agency for the Virginia-Carolina, to say that the donation mentioned would gladly be made to help the cause along.

PLEADINGS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE

Committee Investigating Condition of Docket in Clerk's Office Will Have Interesting Facts to Relate.

At the last term of Superior court, Judge Justice appointed a committee composed of J. G. Merrimon, R. M. Wells, and J. W. Thomas to investigate the condition of the docket in the clerk's office and report to the next term of court, when it is probable, that a number of cases will be ordered dismissed for failure to prosecute.

This committee was busy yesterday and continued the investigation today so as to be able to be guided by the findings when the members of the Bar association meet this afternoon to make out a calendar for the March term of court. This investigation shows that there are several hundred cases, prior to 1907, and going back into the 1890's in which no pleadings have ever been filed. They will recommend that the judge dismiss such cases and the docket be cleared up.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 7 p. m. Sunday, for Asheville and vicinity, rising temperature, with rain tonight or Monday.