

RAILROAD BILL NOW IN EFFECT

Two Sections of It Operative, and Other Provisions Will Be in Effect 60 Days from the 18th.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S IDEAS SUBSTANTIALLY CARRIED OUT

Main Provision Is for Establishment of Commerce Court, for Appeals from Decision of Commerce Commission.

Washington, June 20.—The railroad bill, which the president signed Saturday night, provides for a commerce court, to consist of five judges chosen by the president, future appointments to be made by the chief justices of the Supreme court of the United States.

This court will have jurisdiction on appeals from the decisions of the interstate commerce commission, and will sit generally in Washington, but wheresoever it may elect. Appeals from the Commerce court will go direct to the Supreme court. Temporary 60-day injunctions against rulings of the interstate commerce commission may be issued by the Commerce court. The defense of orders of the commission before this court is delegated to the attorney general.

The bill directs common carriers to designate an agent in Washington upon whom process in proceedings before the commission or the Commerce court can be served.

It places telegraph, both wire and wireless, telephone and cable companies under the jurisdiction of the interstate Commerce Commission. Passes and franks are allowed to officers and employees of the common carriers and telegraph, telephone and cable companies, also to widows of employees who died in service.

The bill contains the long and short haul amendment framed by the House but to it is added a proviso for the protection of water carriers from unfair railroad competition. This long and short haul clause provides that no interstate railroad may charge less for a long haul than a short one.

The new law broadens the scope of the Interstate Commerce Commission and authorizes the commission to make investigations on its own motion. It also permits the commission to suspend new rates for ten months, pending preferential decision.

The bill prohibits common carriers from giving information regarding shipments or destinations to a competitor, but no penalty is provided. The president is authorized to appoint a commission to investigate the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroad corporations and to fix the compensation of the members. The commission is authorized to employ experts and other assistants. The expense is limited to \$25,000.

The bill is substantially in accordance with the president's message demanding amendments to the Interstate Commerce laws. About the only exceptions are that it does not legalize holding agreements made by railroads, permit mergers or regulate the issuance of stocks and bonds.

The section giving the Interstate Commerce Commission supervision over increases of rates and the one for the investigation of the stock and bond question will go into effect immediately. The other provisions will take effect within 60 days from the date of approval.

SENATE REJECTS THE AMENDMENT

Lorimer Charges Will not Be Investigated Until After Adjournment of Congress.

Washington, June 20.—Senator Borah has offered an amendment to the senate resolution directing an investigation into the bribery charges in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois, but requires the investigation to be prosecuted immediately.

The proposed amendment was rejected.

Motion is Over-Ruled.

Chicago, June 20.—Judge McShurley has over-ruled the motion to take from the jury the case of Lee O'Neil Browne, charged with bribing legislators to vote for United States Senator Lorimer.

MR. WEBB IS GIVEN THE SEAT

House Committee on Elections Decides Against the Claims of J. A. Smith of Bessemer City.

Washington, June 20.—The contest of J. A. Smith (Rep.) for the seat in the house of E. Y. Webb, the democratic incumbent, in the Ninth North Carolina district, was decided by the house elections committee No. 2 today in favor of Mr. Webb.

EMPEROR'S KNEE LANCED; A SIMPLE INFLAMMATION

It is Announced That He is Expected to Recover Completely in a Few Days.

Berlin, June 20.—Prof. Bier late Saturday afternoon used a knife on the emperor's knee in the presence of his body physicians, Drs. Von Iberg and Niedner.

According to the usually well informed Anzeiger the inflammation proved of a similar character to that on the wrist three weeks ago. It took the form of furuncle containing pus. The operation, which consisted simply of lancing the abscess, was considered slight.

The emperor suffers no pain to speak of. A complete recovery is expected in a few days, unless some unanticipated complications set in.

Special Primary Session in New York

Albany, N. Y., June 20.—Pursuant to the call of Governor Hughes the New York legislature convened in extra session today for the further consideration of the direct primary issue. A spirited fight is in prospect, with the governor, supported by the insurgent members, on one side, and the so-called republican machine on the other. Every effort will be made to put through a measure providing for a complete system of direct nominations.

Ouster Proceedings Against Packers.

Jefferson City, June 20.—Attorney General Major has begun ouster proceedings against five meat packing companies, filing quo warranto informations in Supreme court. The companies attacked are the Armour Packing company, Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Hammond Packing company and St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company.

Gave His Life to Save Passengers.

Washington, June 20.—Charles Diver, a street car motorman, died today, leaving a wife and a two weeks old baby, from the shock of 7000 volts of electricity when he heroically dragged a live wire away from passengers threatened.

Statehood Bill a Law.

Washington, June 20.—At 12:30 today the vice president announced his signature to the statehood bill, the last step before the measure went to the president for approval.

Brazil's President-Elect Coming.

Washington, June 20.—President-elect Hermes De Fonseca of Brazil will visit the United States, according to announcement at the state department. The president-elect sails for the United States July 30.

Roosevelt-Alexander Wedding Day's Event of Leading Interest



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR. Eldest Son of the Ex-President Takes as Wife Young Lady Who Is Great Social Favorite.



MISS ELEANOR BUTLER ALEXANDER.

New York, June 20.—Few weddings in recent years attracted so much general interest throughout the city as the wedding this afternoon at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-fifth street, by which Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander, only daughter of Mrs. Henry Addison Alexander of 42 West Forty-second street, Manhattan, becomes the bride of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the eldest son of ex-President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It is not a grand society event in the ordinary sense and there is no lavish display as could be seen at the Gould and Vanderbilt weddings, but it does not have to depend upon gorgeous decorations and other frills to attract attention. The mere presence of the former president of the United States as the ceremony is sufficient to make the wedding an event of more than ordinary interest and to attract thousands of curious people to the vicinity of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church.

The church is handsomely, but not extravagantly decorated, and all appointments are rather simple but dignified. The bride, radiant in her beautiful white satin gown with trimmings of old lace, is to be assisted by her matron of honor, Mrs. Snowden Andrew Fahnestock, an intimate friend of the bride and herself a bride only a few weeks. The bridesmaids, five in number, are Miss Ethel Roosevelt, second daughter of ex-President Roosevelt; the Misses Harriet and Janette Alexander, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Alexander and cousins of the bride; Miss Jean W. Delano, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano, Jr., and Miss Jessie Millington-Drake of Paris.

Elevyn Dupont Irving, a great-grand-nephew of Washington Irving and the bridegroom's most intimate friend, will act as his best man, and the ushers, most of whom former classmates of Mr. Roosevelt at Harvard are Francis Roche, John W. Cutler, Hamilton Fish, Jr., E. Morgan Gilbert, Fulton Cutting, Elliott Cutler, Grafton Chapman, George Roosevelt, Munroe Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt. Of the three latter the first two are first cousins of the bridegroom, and Kermit, his brother, who accompanied ex-President Roosevelt on his hunting trip to Africa.

The ceremony is to be performed by Rev. Dr. Henry M. Sanders, a great uncle of the bride, assisted by Dr. Gordon Russell of Cranford, N. J. Only members of the two interested families, their relatives and friends have been invited to the church, excepting a number of persons who were part of the Roosevelt establishment at the White House, when the father of the bridegroom, when the president, several of the former negro servants of the Roosevelt household will be interested spectators at the ceremony. The wedding is to be followed by a reception at the house of Mrs. C. B. Alexander on West Fifty-eighth street, attended by many hundreds of guests, among them men and women of note and social distinction.

The bride, who made her social debut only two years ago, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Susan M. Alexander, who was Miss Susan M. Brown, and a niece of Charles B. Alexander of New York, of Mrs. John J. McCook, and of the Rev. Mainland Alexander of Albany, Pa. Her mother was Miss Grace Green, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Green of Ohio. Mrs. Alexander obtained a divorce from Mr. Alexander some years ago. The bride is also a granddaughter of the late Theron R. Butler. She is highly educated and a general favorite in society. She and her young husband were friends from childhood.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. is the eldest child of the ex-president by his second wife, who was Miss Edith Carew, and a half brother of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. He graduated from Groton school in 1895 and entered Harvard university in the fall of that year. His father being then president, the young man attracted unusual attention which, being extremely modest, he sought to escape as much as possible. Following his father's example he went in for a strenuous life and, although somewhat under weight, obtained a position on the freshman football team. He never became a member of the "Varsity" team, but played on his class teams with remarkable pluck. In his junior year he was duly initiated as a member of the Alpha Delta Phi and (Continued on page 2)

CONGO QUESTION BROUGHT FORWARD

Commissions on Missions and Government Makes Report to World Conference.

Edinburg, June 20.—The commission on missions and governments concluded its report, presented to the world's missionary conference today, with an assertion that "the claims of humanity and the rights of missions have been so flagrantly and continuously violated by the government of the Congo state (now taken over by Belgium), that an appeal for action should be made by the conference to all the powers which are signatories to the general act of Berlin."

"We have no hesitation in asking the conference to make a decided pronouncement upon the Congo question," the report says. "The new state came into being under conditions which make the whole family of nations more directly responsible for its existence than is usually the case; they did not merely accept an accomplished fact, but lent an active hand to the accomplishment. This makes it doubly imperative that the conference should present a full weight of Christian sentiment, effectively voiced, to overcome the natural and usually commendable disposition of governments to meddle."

The commission heads the list of its findings with an expression of gratitude for the large amount of mutual helpfulness found to exist between so many missions and governments. Concerning the right of entry for Christian missions the report says: "Inasmuch as the results of missionary enterprises are now so evident and have extended over so long a period that their general beneficial effect is demonstrated, we think that it may reasonably be asked of all Christian governments that they should use their good offices with those of other nations for the free admission and exercise of missionary endeavor, where such admission is not now granted; and further, that such interposition may be justified, to the governments, not on grounds of religion, but upon the broad ground of humanity, on account of the beneficial influence of missions, and upon the common right of mankind to receive such benefits."

The report continues: "In view of the enormous influence exercised by Christian nations over races of less developed civilization and lower material power, we would express the earnest hope that a growing sense of responsibility for the right use of this influence may control the actions of both governments and individuals; and in particular we would express our conviction that where territories peopled by such races are under the rule of Christian Powers, the prime duty of such powers is the education and development of these races."

"Evidence having been laid before us that in many countries—occasionally even in countries under the control of European Powers—native Christians live under disabilities both in regard to the exercise of their religion and in regard to their civil status, we would emphasize the fact that Christian teaching inculcates respect for the civil authorities of their own land as the duty of Christians, and would affirm the reasonableness of granting to Christians all the protection, rights and privileges of loyal and law-abiding citizens. We would further urge that Christian powers should not only adopt this rule of action in all countries under their direct control or subject to their political influence but should also make friendly representations on the subject to such other powers as have not removed these disabilities."

HOT WEATHER IS PREDICTED

Temperature East of the Mississippi Will Boast Mercury Much Above Normal in Next 36 Hours.

WEATHER IN NORTHWEST IS INJURING WHEAT CROP

On Account of High Temperature and Drought Wheat Goes up 3 Cents in Minneapolis Market.

Washington, June 20.—A heat wave that will boost the mercury much above normal is predicted for the next 36 hours in all states east of the Mississippi river.

It will be unsettled and may rain in the south Atlantic and Gulf states. Wheat Goes Higher.

Minneapolis, June 20.—Wheat went up three cents a bushel when the market opened, due to high temperatures and no rain. December wheat stood at 95 1/4. September went up to 95 1/8.

SPRING WHEAT CROP OFF PRIVATE REPORTS DECLARE

Experts Say Crop Has Deteriorated 15 per Cent. in North Dakota.—Weather Conditions.

MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN PRIMARY

The attention of all democrats is called to the necessity of registering before Thursday night at 9 o'clock for the democratic primary, unless perchance the name of the would-be voter now appears on the books. It is pointed out that in the event a person did not register for the democratic primary in 1908 yet voted in the general election of that year it is necessary to register at this time in order to qualify for the primary election. In fact, it is urged by the democratic leaders that every person—every democrat—see to it that his name now appears on the primary registration books. This is an important matter for the democrats and for fear that some democrat through oversight will lose his vote in the primary election Saturday particular attention is called to this matter of registration. The books, however, close Thursday night at 9 o'clock and Chairman Fowler of the democratic county executive committee requests that every democrat make it a point to see that he is properly registered and that, in event he has moved from one precinct into another, that he secures a transfer.

The places of registration are: First precinct—Court house. Second precinct—Webb's stable, College street. Third precinct—Hyams' store, North Main street and Merrimon avenue. Fourth precinct—Britt's stable, West College street. Fifth precinct—Wyatt's store, near cotton mill. Sixth precinct—At the old voting place on Patton avenue near Asheville.

TRANSFERS HIS SPOUSE, CONSIDERATION, A DOLLAR

Syracuse, N. Y., June 20.—A document is filed in the county clerk's office by which Frederick H. Jones, a business man, transfers his wife to Harry W. Rogers, a book-keeper, for one dollar. Jones was married nineteen years ago. Rogers was a roomer in their home.

WENDLING IS INDICTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

It is Understood the slayer of Little Alma Kether is Under Surveillance in Texas. Louisville, June 20.—The grand jury has indicted Joseph Wendling on the charge of murdering Alma Kether, and it is understood Governor William Beshear has issued a warrant for his arrest. Wendling, it is believed, is under surveillance in Texas.

Minnesota Republicans. St. Paul, Minn., June 20.—The republican state convention meets tomorrow to nominate a state ticket. Governor Beshear, the incumbent, has no opposition.

COURT MARTIAL OF LYON BEGINS AT FT. MEYER

He Is Accused of Having Made Contradictory Statements as to Brownsville Affair.

Washington, June 20.—The trial by court martial of Captain Samuel P. Lyon of the 26th infantry the regiment of negro soldiers which took part in the Brownsville riot begins today at Fort Meyer, Va. Captain Lyon is accused of having made statements to the Foraker investigating committee in regard to the ammunition used in the riot which were considerably at variance with those he made to army commanders who investigated the Brownsville affair last year. The outcome of Captain Lyon's court martial probably will have no effect on any of the negro troops who were discharged from the army without honor, only four of whom were found to be eligible for reenlistment but none of whom so far as war department records show has been restored to the service.

VERY PRIVATE CITIZEN IS COLONEL ROOSEVELT

He Has Taken up the Simple Life of an Associate Editor, at His Oyster Bay, L. I., Home.

New York, June 20.—All the language of the Roosevelt party has been sent to Oyster Bay. Collector Loeb would not give out the amount of duty paid by Col. Roosevelt on his personal belongings. According to a customs official the amount was \$500. Oyster Bay, L. I., June 20.—Yesterday was Theodore Roosevelt's first day of rest in months. The return to privacy is a delight to him and he made it known that it is his desire to drop just as far out of public sight as the public will let him. In the autumn he will make a tour of the country.

PASSAGE OF MANN BILL NOW SEEMS NOT LIKELY

This Is Measure of Adjustment of the Administration of the Canal Zone.

Newa comes in a private message from Washington that with the adjournment of congress near there is little hope for the passage of the Mann bill at this session. The Mann bill, it will be recalled, contemplated a readjustment of administration in the canal zone of Panama and a probable reduction of the number of Supreme court justices on the isthmus. The intelligence that no changes are to be made there will be received with interest by the many friends in Asheville and western North Carolina of Hon. H. A. Gudgey, chief justice of the Supreme court of the zone.

Some time since the dispatches from Washington stated that President Taft had let it be known that he would appoint Judge Gudgey should the Mann bill go through. This bill restricts the court's membership to only one judge. Judge Gudgey stands well with the department at Washington and has successfully held office for 12 years on the isthmus, receiving appointments at the hands of President McKinley and President Roosevelt. It is understood by the knowing ones that Judge Gudgey will be taken care of by President Taft's administration regardless of the passage of the Mann bill. Judge Gudgey is a brother of ex-Congressman J. M. Gudgey, Jr. of this city.

SULTAN OF SUDAN IS COMING

Not George Ade's Musical Show, but Dignitary Who Wished to Marry Alice Roosevelt. Manila, June 20.—The Sultan of Sulu, who once offered his hand in marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt, will visit America to dispose of a collection of pearls valued at \$250,000. The proceeds will be used to improve the condition of his people.

MR. TAFT ACCEPTS

Will Visit the Exposition at Knoxville and Tennessee State Fair at Nashville.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather, with possibly showers tonight or Tuesday. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy, with local showers tonight or Tuesday. Light, variable winds.