

OPENS SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Speech from Throne Devoted Chiefly to Foreign Affairs, Touching Lightly on Domestic.

"SEARCH OF VAULTS" IS NO EMPTY FORM

Guardsmen Seek Suffragettes with the Care Formally Reserved for Gunpowder Plotters.

By Associated Press. London, March 10.—King George today opened the third session of the present parliament after a prorogation of only three days, the briefest on record.

The stately ceremonial was performed in the house of peers. The king and queen took their places on the throne while a throng looked on.

The opening was preceded by the usual procession from Buckingham palace to Westminster hall, the center of the brilliant picture being the great gilded glass coach drawn by the famous Hanoverian cream-colored horses, whose sole duty is to participate in these pageants.

Drizzling rain fell throughout the day, but this had no effect on the tens of thousands of sightseers.

The king's speech from the throne was devoted chiefly to the Balkan war, expressing the earnest desire of the European powers to hasten the conclusion of peace.

His majesty opened with a reference to the jubilee of the marriage of his parents, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. He expressed gratitude for the affection shown by the nation to the widowed queen mother, Alexandra.

Referring to the Balkan war, the king said: "I am hopeful that the consultations between the powers will enable them not only to secure a complete understanding among themselves but to exercise a beneficial influence in hastening the conclusion of the war."

Forecast of Legislation. His majesty referred to the action of the British dominions which have contributed to the visits of Robert L. Borden, the Canadian premier, and other over-seas ministers. These things, he said, were calculated to promote the solidarity of the empire.

The forecast of legislation to be introduced was restricted to narrow limits. Apart from the introduction of the home rule and the Welsh disestablishment bills, the only important measures will be bills to facilitate land purchase in Ireland, the guarantee of a Sudan loan for the development of cotton growing, to prevent plural voting at elections, and a measure for the development of a national system of education.

In connection with the opening of the new session of parliament, elaborate precautions were taken to prevent any interference by militant suffragettes or their male supporters.

The time-honored ceremony known as "searching the vaults" beneath the house of commons and the house of lords, which has been carried out since the attempt by Guy Fawkes in 1605 to blow up the king and parliament, but which, in later years, has been performed in a most perfunctory manner, was again undertaken seriously this morning.

Taking No Chances. A party of yeomen of the guard from the towers of London, better known as the "beef eaters," went carefully through the buildings, accompanied by one of the chief officials of parliament and by inspectors of police and other high functionaries. All of these made a thorough search for any lurking suffragettes.

The greatest care was taken in issuing tickets to ladies for the actual ceremony of the opening. Threats had been made to create a scene when the king arrived to read his speech from the throne.

The lord chamberlain, who issued the invitations, sent with each a note stating that it was to be distinctly understood that the recipient of the ticket of admission accepted the full responsibility for the lady or gentleman presenting it and that their names must be written on it.

TOWN WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Injured Number Hundreds When Irvine, Scotland, Is Shattered by Dynamite Blast at Manufacturing Plant—Number of Fatalities Unknown.

By Associated Press. Glasgow, Scotland, March 10.—A terrific dynamite explosion today wrecked the town of Irvine, in Ayrshire. The number of dead is not yet known. It is said that the injured number hundreds.

Men Named to Boards Of State Institutions

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, March 10.—Governor Craig's selection for directors of the various state institutions were sent to the senate this afternoon. They include Henry B. Varner of Lexington, chairman of the prison board; A. Cannon of Henderson county, mem-

SUFFRAGIST TELLS OF JEERS OF MOB

Miss Janet Richards Asserts Most Washington Police Stood Idly Around.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—With a long list of witnesses still to be called, the senate committee today resumed its investigation of the disorder that attended the parade of women suffragists here last Monday. The large committee room was again crowded to the doors with spectators, principally women.

District commissioner Johnson was called as the principal witness today. Commissioner Johnson was in active charge of the police on Pennsylvania avenue during the suffrage parade and tried to keep a clear path ahead of the marchers by charging the disorderly crowd that filled the street with police automobiles.

After the testimony of Police Chief Sylvester that the fault for the disorder lay with the men and officers on duty on Monday the committee expects to call the police captains who had charge of the line of march and endeavor to discover just how the crowd got beyond their control.

Miss Janet E. Richards, who marched in the first section of the parade, declared "most of the policemen were standing idly around in the crowd and seemed in sympathy with the mob's spirit."

"How was this mob's spirit evidenced?" asked Senator Chamberlain. "By the hooting and jeering and yelling of the crowd," replied Miss Richards. "Along the line men in the crowd shouted, 'These are nothing but hens, we came out to see chickens.'"

Miss Richards gave the numbers of two of a group of four policemen who she said were doing nothing to control the crowd and whom she urged to help her open up the line.

NOMINATIONS SENT SENATE BY WILSON

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—Nominations sent to the senate today by President Wilson included: First assistant postmaster-general—Daniel C. Roper of South Carolina. Third assistant postmaster-general—Alexander M. Dockery of Missouri. Fourth assistant postmaster-general—James L. Blakelee of Pennsylvania.

United States judge, District of Porto Rico—Peter J. Hamilton of Alabama. Commissioner of labor statistics—Charles B. Neill of the District of Columbia.

Burglars Get \$3000 Worth of Loot at Mrs. Bennett's Home.

By Associated Press. New York, March 10.—Burglars secured about \$3000 worth of rugs, oil paintings and other furnishings yesterday from the home of Mrs. Francis Hodgson Bennett, the author, at Hudson Long Island. Mrs. Bennett is spending her annual winter vacation in Bermuda.

Morgan Leaves Cairo.

WILSON ADOPTS ANOTHER RULE

Will Make Appointments Only after 11 A. M.—Frequent Interruptions Occasion New Rule.

CONSULTS OFTEN WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Nomination of James I. Blakelee as Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Sent in Today.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—After four strenuous days in which his conferences with democratic leaders frequently were interrupted by handshakers, President Wilson today decided that hereafter he will make appointments only after 11 o'clock in the morning or for the east room in the afternoon. He plans to come to the executive office about 9 a. m. and first devote two full uninterrupted hours to correspondence and other important business of the day.

Members of his cabinet and persons for whom he sends will not be subject to the new rule but all others will. On cabinet days the president will see his visitors before 11 o'clock, the hour of meeting. The president's list today was long enough to keep him busy.

Postmaster General Burleson reached the executive offices today just a few minutes after the president walked over from the White House.

Later in the east room the members of the diplomatic corps were to be presented formally to the president and on Wednesday the diplomats and their wives will meet Mrs. Wilson. Tonight at 9 o'clock the president will press a button in the White House which will open a stock breeders convention at Fort Worth, Texas.

Purpose of Ban on Office Seekers. President Wilson's rule about discussing patronage with his visitors does not apply to members of congress. It was pointed out at the White House today that the president intended his announcement that office seekers should address themselves to heads of departments should not be interpreted as including senators and representatives to whom the president hopes to be accessible at all times and on all subjects.

Mr. Wilson intends to consult with cabinet members about the recommendation of members of congress and vice versa. The whole purpose is to divert the stream of applicants and their friends from the White House to the government departments so that the field of choice may be gradually reduced before he takes up the question of appointments.

When the president was governor of New Jersey he always gave precedence to the members of the legislature and when that body was in session he would always keep his door open to the legislators to come and go unannounced.

It is quite probable that when congress is in session he will pursue the same course and it has been suggested that when critical moments arrive in dealing with legislation, Mr. Wilson may so to the president's room at the capitol to be in close, physical touch with members of both houses.

To Send Blakelee's Nomination. President Wilson expects to send to the senate today the nomination of James I. Blakelee, secretary of the Pennsylvania state democratic committee, to be fourth assistant postmaster general. Mr. Blakelee was reported last week as slated for third assistant postmaster general.

Secretary Garrison, after a talk with the president, declared Mr. Wilson agreed with him that the personnel of the department ought not to be disturbed for several weeks at least.

A Wilson Relative Endorsed. The president had before him today the question of whether he should consent to the appointment of a relative to public office. On Saturday, when Captain Alfred Wilson of Portland, Ore., a second cousin of the president, suggested to the secretary of war for a member of the Philippine commission, Mr. Garrison consulted the president and found him disinclined to appoint any relative to office.

A delegation of westerners, however, talked again today to Secretary Garrison and the interest of Captain Wilson and the secretary told them he would have no objection to the appointment of Captain Wilson if the president were willing. Later the delegation called on the president on behalf of Captain Wilson. The president promised to consider the recommendations.

Published Steel Tonnage Less. New York, March 10.—The unofficial tonnage of the United States Steel corporation on February 28 totals 7,465,724 tons, a decrease of 179,854 tons from January 1 and marks the second declining tendency since March of last year.

Cop in His Cups Arrests 200 People At Louisville

Mounted Policeman Accuses two Men of Gaming and 'Pulls' Them—As Crowd Gathers He Arrests all, and Starts Them Toward Station.

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., March 10.—More than 200 "innocent bystanders" were arrested, a woman was knocked down and a man beaten into unconsciousness on the street here yesterday by a mounted policeman who himself was taken in hand by a squad of officers after he had terrorized a community for several blocks around. It is charged that the patrolman was intoxicated.

The trouble began when the policeman went up to two men standing on a street corner, accused them of having just left a poker game and placed them under arrest. The men protested and the loud voices in argument attracted others. As fast as they appeared they were placed under arrest.

One man who was hailed as he passed and arrested, objected so strenuously that the patrolman knocked him down, and when a woman who was witnessing the affair from her doorstep approached the officer with a plea for mercy in behalf of the man she was shoved back until she fell to the pavement.

By this time a crowd of over 200 had appeared and all were placed under arrest. The patrolman then started his captives toward the station house when he was interrupted by the police patrol and a squad of officers who had been summoned by telephone. They took the patrolman in charge, disarming him and dismissed the crowd.

VITAL STATISTICS BILL GO THROUGH ALL RIGHT

About the Only Piece of Constructive Legislation That Was not Ruined.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, March 10.—Insurance Commissioner Young has announced the cancelling of the license of the Union Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia, an examination having shown that the capital and surplus are completely wiped out. This company has placed a great deal of insurance in North Carolina and negotiations are under way to reimburse all its contracts. Commissioner Young is chairman of the national committee on examinations.

Senator A. D. Watts of Ireland, who has been in Rec hospital for the greater part of four weeks as a result of measles, has practically recovered and will be in his seat in the senate the remainder of the session. He took dinner Sunday with Governor Craig.

Of the various important bills introduced at this session of the general assembly only one measure passed in such a manner as to make effective, and that was the bill to provide for registration of births and deaths in this state. The legislature appropriated \$10,000, instead of \$12,000, and amended the bill so that in rural communities the death may be registered within ten days. Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, thinks that the law is all right. North Carolina is now the fourteenth state with both birth and death registrations.

The six months school term was authorized, but then the legislature made compulsory attendance dependent upon the whims of the local school boards.

The search and seizure bill, which was a foregone conclusion, is drastic enough to suit the rank and file prohibitionist. It is thought, and of course is too drastic to suit liquor sellers.

The assembly increased the number of judges to 20, instead of 16, but this will not be a popular bit of work unless the much talked of congestion is removed from the civil calendars.

The child labor bill was simply emasculated and put through, the advocates of night work in the mills for women and children winning hands down.

This session failed to produce a statewide primary law, although there were several bills to pick from. This legislature did make a departure in the manner of levying taxes, and it is believed that a start has been made in the right direction. The revenue bill as amended reduces the amounts to be collected on franchises.

HUERTA SOLDIERS LOSE NEAR THE BORDER

By Associated Press. Douglas, Ariz., March 10.—After a battle lasting from Saturday morning until afternoon, 500 state troops today hold Nogoa. The two hundred and fifty Huerta soldiers defending the town are retreating to Agua Prieta. This news was received here today when communication was restored below this point.

Scientists Keep Positions. By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—Heads of the two scientific bureaus of the department of commerce, Dr. Otto H. Titman of the coast and geodetic survey and Dr. Samuel W. Stratton of the bureau of standards, have been advised by Secretary Redfield that they are to retain their positions.

WILSON REGIME WILL BE "DRY"

Intoxicating Liquors Will Have no Place in White House During Next Four Years.

WINE AND WASSAIL WILL BE CURTAILED

Prospect of Dryest Time Since Hay's Administration Which also Frowned upon Intoxicants.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The Wilson administration will be "dry." This expression is used entirely in a sense that appeals to the inner man of the nation and not necessarily to those who look for stereotyped methods of government. It has become known that President Wilson and his family are averse to the use of liquor of wine in any form. Intoxicating liquors will have no place in the White House during the next four years unless the president's views undergo a sharp change.

Secretary of State Bryan, as is well known, has been a prohibition advocate for many years. On one occasion Mr. Bryan would have made it a national issue and it was due to his efforts that the prohibition legislation in Nebraska was put into effect.

It is well known that Speaker Clark is a teetotaler, and has been for many years. The fact that a large proportion of the democratic majority in the senate and house is from the south where prohibition is general, makes certain the fact that there will be little wine and less wassail than has been known in Washington for many years.

There never has been so dry a prospect in the White House since the days of President Hayes, when Mrs. Hayes excluded wines and liquors from the executive mansion immediately upon becoming its mistress.

Mr. Heifer asked the president how soon a conference might be arranged with western senators and representatives upon Alaskan questions. The president told him that the opening of resources of Alaska was engaging his deepest thought and suggested a conference with Secretary Lane of the interior department.

Speaker Clark paid his first visit to President Wilson at the White House today. Senator Stone accompanied him.

Discusses Currency Legislation. The president talked with Representative Glass of Virginia about currency legislation. Mr. Glass, who was at the head of the currency reform committee of the last congress has assurances that he will be chairman of committee of the last congress has assurances that he will be chairman of the house committee on banking and currency. He says today at the White House he would press forward his work in preparing a bill for introduction some time during the extra session. Those who had talked with President Wilson on the subject of currency legislation, declare he will await developments during the first part of the extra session before making definite plans to secure currency legislation.

TO PYTHIAN LODGES Notice Issued by Grand Chancellor as to Bible Class Meeting.

A. E. Swayne is in receipt of the following telegram today from Walker Taylor of Wilmington, grand chancellor of North Carolina, Knights of Pythias:

"Please advise all lodges in your district to waive formalities for acceptable candidates up to date of Bible classes at Asheville and Salisbury and bring them to meetings at other place. Proper dispensations will be issued to cover any irregularities. It is proper to use initiation fees for expenses of this occasion."

Spanish Election Returns. By Associated Press. Madrid, March 10.—Returns from the elections held throughout Spain yesterday for the chamber of deputies at noon today showed the return of 35 liberals, 55 conservatives, eight republicans and 29 Catholics. Count Almaraz de Bonanades, the premier, is believed to be certain of obtaining a majority.

Several fatal encounters between political opponents occurred in the north of Spain.

William H. Lewis Resigns. By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—William H. Lewis, a negro lawyer whose appointment as an assistant attorney general was a result of a political deal, resigned today. He had been appointed to the position by President Wilson.

Friedmann Spends Quiet Day. By Associated Press. New York, March 10.—After tests yesterday with his tuberculosis vaccine before physicians representing the federal government, Dr. F. F. Friedmann spent a quiet forenoon in New York preparatory to departing late today for Montreal.

He plans to return here by next Friday. The seven patients treated yesterday at Mount Sinai hospital will remain there under close observation, in order that physicians may determine, if possible the effect of the vaccine.