

EVIDENCE WANTED FROM ROOSEVELT

On Which He Based His Charges Against Congressmen.

HOUSE'S POSITION STAND

The Resolution Calling for Evidence Adopted Without Dissenting Vote. The House Gives President Opportunity to be Heard.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 17.—The House of Representatives by unanimous vote adopted a resolution requesting the President to supply it with any evidence that may be in his possession that will justify the statement in his last annual message in relation to the attitude of members of Congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the Government.

Mr. Perkins, of New York, chairman of the special committee charged to investigate the allegations made in the President's message, and John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, both stated on the floor that it was the desire of the special committee to be just toward the President in allowing him to submit any evidence he may have and both declared that the committee would give full and impartial consideration. Mr. Perkins said the committee would continue in session during the Christmas holidays so that it might receive such evidence from the President promptly and proceed to consider it.

Both the resolution and all of the preamble except that part of the latter interpreting the meaning of the President's message in relation to the secret service, were adopted unanimously by a viva voce vote. Mr. Bennett, of New York, demanded a division on the preamble provision stating the committee's interpretation of the President's strictures upon Congress, but before the division was entered upon he endeavored to withdraw his motion. Mr. Williams insisted that this could not be done and the vote being taken, 270 members voted aye and 14 no on this part of the preamble.

Following is the resolution: "Resolved, That the President be requested to transmit to the House any evidence upon which he based his statements that the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men and also to transmit to the House any evidence connecting any member of the House of Representatives of the 60th Congress with corrupt action in his official capacity and to inform the House whether he has instituted proceedings for the punishment on any such investigation by the courts or has reported any such alleged delinquencies to the House of Representatives."

In reporting the resolution Mr. Perkins said it had been recommended unanimously by the special committee and added that as soon as the President should send in any information in his possession, the committee would make another report for the consideration of the House.

"So far as the committee knows," said Mr. Williams, there is not a scintilla of evidence to support that statement by the President. The committee has thought it would be fair to the President to give him further opportunity to produce testimony if he has any. The American people have a right to know if the American Congress be corrupt.

Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, wanted to know whether the words "if not in compatible with the public service" should not be inserted in the resolution, as usual, in calling on the President for information. This suggestion called forth laughter and Mr. Perkins declared that the resolution as worded was a "request" for information and was not imperative in its wording.

Mr. Perkins then cut off further discussion by demanding the previous question and Speaker Cannon calling for a viva voce vote there was a chorus of "ayes" favoring the passage of the resolution, followed by a dead silence when the noes were called for.

The House voted the remainder of the day to bills on the calendar. The Senate.

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate today for over an hour, Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage.

The Senate listened also to the reading of a message from the President recommending a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia by which a single executive head would take the place of the board of three commissioners who now jointly act as a governing board.

A great many of the Senators left Washington today to spend the holidays at their homes, as Congress will adjourn from Saturday next until January 4th.

HAYTI'S NEW PRESIDENT.

General Antoine Simon Unanimously Elected to the Office. (By Cable to the Morning Star.) Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 17.—General Antoine Simon, the leader of the last revolution in Haiti, that resulted in the flight of President Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphant entry into Port au Prince ten days ago, was unanimously elected President of the Republic by the Haitian Congress.

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CRIMINAL ACTION BY ROCKEFELLER

Publishers of Hearst New York American Must Answer on Libel Charge.

GARVALHO IS ARRESTED

John D. Jr., Claims That Newspaper Article Tended to Injure His Good Name—President of Company Paroled in Custody Lawyer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 17.—On a charge of criminal libel made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Company, publishers of William Hearst's New York American was arrested today and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being raised on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custody of his lawyer until December 26th for examination.

Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney Jerome's office early in the day and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of December 12th under a Chicago date of December 16th with the headline, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., originated peonage in stockade, it is said" tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous. He submitted a type-written affidavit embodying these charges to District Attorney Garvan to whom the case was assigned. On the presentation of the affidavits, to Magistrate Finn he issued warrants for the arrest of Messrs. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill, treasurer, and Edward H. Clark, secretary of the Star Company. Mr. Carvalho was found in his office. Merrill and Clark were not in their offices. Mr. Carvalho took his arrest good naturedly.

Mr. Rockefeller was not present when Mr. Carvalho was arraigned as he did not expect that the warrants would be served today. Lawyer Shearn, after pleading to have Mr. Carvalho paroled, in his custody said that Mr. Merrill had not arrived at the office when the detective called but that he would appear in court tomorrow. Mr. Clark was in California. Mr. Shearn said.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH

No Ground for the Alarmist Rumors Recently Started. (By Cable to the Morning Star.) London, Dec. 17.—Alarmist rumors have been in circulation in London recently with regard to the health of King Edward, but it was learned today that the condition of his Majesty is not such as to cause uneasiness to the members of the household.

Some weeks ago while a guest at a country house, his Majesty had to forego talking on account of the resulting irritation of his throat, but otherwise he apparently enjoys his usual health and he shows no signs of the more serious ailments that have been hinted at. Following the day he had to stop talking the King sat up and played bridge and smoked his customary mild cigars.

When the King was at Biarritz certain winds resulted in a similar trouble and other persons at Biarritz complained of the same thing. The King's ailments has been described by a member of his entourage as "a Biarritz throat."

MORTON IS INNOCENT.

Real Murderer Confessed After Accused Has Served 10 Years. (By Wire to the Morning Star.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—It became known today that ex-Judge Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, is in possession of affidavits that go to prove the innocence of A. B. Norton, a white man, who has served ten years of a 30-years' sentence in the penitentiary for murder.

Affidavits signed by men who were associated with Thomas White, who recently died at the Northampton State Farm, set forth that White confessed that he was guilty of the murder for which Norton is imprisoned. The crime in question was committed in 1898 in Robeson county when Jesse Telar, a white tenant of White's was shot and instantly killed while peaceably entering the door of White's home. White and Norton, another tenant each charged the other with the killing and Judge Sutton sentenced both to the penitentiary for thirty years.

Two Cruisers to Escort Him to Panama—The Reason. (By Wire to the Morning Star.) Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 17.—While all of the arrangements have not been made it was decided that the trip of the President-elect to Panama should be made with two cruisers of the navy. The start will be from Charleston on January 25th. The decision to have two cruisers to convey the President-elect is a precaution which has been suggested by certain Senators on the ground that there is no legal provision for a successor to the Presidency in the event of a fatality overtaking a President-elect prior to his inauguration. Further details of the Panama trip are to be worked out by President Roosevelt.

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JURY READY TO TRY NIGHT RIDERS

Two Unexpected Surprises Developed in Second Day of Trial.

STATE CARRIES POINTS

Father of Night Rider is Excused From Jury Service by Filing of Affidavit of Prosecuting Attorneys—The Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Union City, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Two unexpected surprises sprung by the State on the second day of the trial of the eight alleged night riders, indicted for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin resulted in the completion of the jury this afternoon and will shorten the time of the trial. The State caused consternation as soon as court opened by filing an affidavit, signed by all the attorneys for the prosecution, charging that J. H. Russell, the first of the two jurors chosen yesterday, was the father of a night rider and had been sworn into the outlaw band by one of the defendants now on trial. The son is Charles E. Russell and Attorney General Caldwell declared that his son had participated in several of the midnight rides of the band and would be used as a witness at the trial. He told the court that this knowledge of the relationship came to him after he had accepted the juror. Juror Russell admitted his relationship to Charles Russell and was excused by the court, over the protests of the defense.

When the next talesman was summoned and examined the defense attempted to challenge him peremptorily. The State raised the point that the defense, having used 26 peremptory challenges, had exhausted its legal number and two more. Attorney General Caldwell admitted that each defendant was entitled to 240 challenges but said that when on a joint trial the defense did not specify on behalf of which defendant it made the challenge, it was presumed to have made each challenge upon behalf of each defendant. After a long and bitter argument, the court promptly ruled with the State and ordered the case to proceed.

The work of selecting the jury then proceeded rapidly to a conclusion. Just half of the jurors are citizens of Union City, the others being residents of the towns in the vicinity. Not a single resident of the Reelfoot Lake region was selected. PROTECTION FOR GROWERS. Southern Peanut Planters Ask for Higher Tariff Rates. (By Wire to the Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 17.—The peanut industry as affected by the tariff was under discussion at today's hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee. Democrats and Republicans joined in asking for further protection for the peanut growers, and the Republican members of the committee had the opportunity to make political capital from the request for an increase of 1-2 cents on the duty by Virginia growers.

Although it was claimed by the witnesses that eight Southern States supply practically the entire crop of peanuts Florida and the Old Dominion only were represented. Representatives Maynard and Lestiger, members from Virginia, and Alva H. Martin, Republican National Committeeman from Virginia, represented the contentions of the representatives of the peanut growers. J. P. Holland and C. P. Day, of Smithfield, Representative Clark, of Florida also asked for an increase in the duty.

The principal claim made by the peanut growers is that the peanuts imported from Japan, Spain and other countries are a serious menace to the American industry. Mr. Martin told the committee that the growers in Virginia received 3-4 cents a pound for their peanuts, a price which hardly pays for the labor, he said. The present duty on peanuts is 1-2 cent a pound and the delegation from Virginia asked that this be increased to 2 cents. Mr. Day said that there were many thousand bags of peanuts imported into Virginia last year from Japan. "The present duty is absolutely inadequate to meet the present conditions," said the witness. "We want a duty of 2 cents a pound."

Representative Dalzell, Republican, of Pennsylvania, asked the witness if he is a protectionist. "No," replied Mr. Day. "Do you believe that anything not raised in Virginia should be protected?" "Yes, but I could not say what."

"Do you think," Mr. Dalzell queried, "that an increase of 300 per cent in the duty on peanuts is a reasonable request to make of this committee?" "The situation is just this," said Representative Clark, "when we get the Republicans on this Ways and Means committee in favor of revising the tariff downward, you come up here and not only get them back to where they were, but lift them out of their shoes."

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