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PRESIDENT DECLARES PROGRAM AS TO TRUSTS AND BIG BUSINESS

In Message To Congress Emphasizes That Conscientious Business Men Will Not Be Satisfied With Practices Now Depreciated By Public Opinion as Restraints of Trade and Commerce are Corrected.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES IN CONSTITUTION OF PEACE
President's Program In Explicit Terms Is To End Conditions Which Hamper and Fetter Legitimate Business—"The Antagonism Between Business and Government Is Over," He Declares—Seven Features In Message Which President Emphasizes Are For The Purpose "To Square Business Methods With Both Public Opinion and The Law."

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson personally laid before a joint session of Congress today the fundamental principles of the Democratic administration's program for dealing with trust and "big business." The President presented the case, he said, "as it lies in the thought of the country," reiterating "that private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable," and declaring that conscientious business men throughout the nation would be satisfied with the program now decreed by public opinion as restraints of trade and commerce were corrected.

"We are now about to write the additional articles of our constitution of peace," said the President, "the peace that is honor and freedom and prosperity."

Besides suggesting the scope of legislation, the President made a personal appeal for an atmosphere of friendliness and co-operation in Congress while handling the problem.

"The antagonism," he said, "between business and government is over. We are now about to give expression to the best judgment of America, its conscience and honor of the land. The government and business men are ready to meet each other half way in a common effort to square business methods with both public opinion and the law."

The chief points which the President singled out as a basis for legislation were:

1. Effectual prohibition of the interlocking of the directorates of great corporations—banks, railroads, industrial, commercial and public service bodies.
 2. A law to confer upon the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to superintend and regulate the financial operations of the railroads and to see that the money they need for their proper development and improved transportation facilities. The President made it clear that "the prosperity of the railroads and the prosperity of the country are inseparably connected" in this regard.
 3. Definition of "the many hurtful restraints of trade" by explicit legislation supplementary to the Sherman law.
 4. The creation of a Commission to aid the courts and to act as a clearing house of information in helping business to conform with the law.
 5. Provision of penalties and punishments to fall upon individuals responsible for unlawful business practices.
 6. Prohibition of holding companies and a suggestion that the voting power of individuals holding shares in numerous corporations might be restricted.
 7. Giving to private individuals the right to found suits for redress on facts and judgments proven in government suits, and providing that statute of limitations should run only from the date of conclusion of the government's action.
- The full text of President Wilson's message reads:
- The President's Message.**
Gentlemen of the Congress:
In my report on the state of the Union, which I had the privilege of reading to you on the 2nd of December last, I ventured to reserve for discussion at a later date the subject of additional legislation regarding the very difficult and intricate matter of trusts and monopolies. The time now seems opportune to turn to that great question, not only because the currency legislation, which absorbed your attention and the attention of the country in December, is now disposed of, but also because opinion seems to be clearing about us with singular rapidity in this other great field of action. In the matter of the currency it cleared suddenly and very happily after the much-abated act was passed; in respect of the monopolies which have multiplied about us and in regard to which we have been so long and so long have been organized and maintained it seems to be coming to a clear and all but universal agreement in anticipation of our action, as if by way of preparation, making the way easier to see and refreshment in matter of sincere congratulation. It ought to make our task very much less difficult and embarrassing than it would have had we been obliged to continue to act amidst the atmosphere of suspicion and antagonism which has so long made it impossible to approach such questions with a dispassionate fairness. Constructive legislation, when successful, is always the embodiment of convincing experience.
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OROZCO CHARGED WITH COWARDICE

By Merca Who Defended Abandonment of Ojinaga

HE DETAILS HIS REASONS

For Taking Asylum In This Country; Alleges Salazar and Rojas Were Cowardly Under Fire; Refugees at Fort Bliss Eating Our Grub.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—General Salvador Mercado, commander of the Mexican Federal soldiers who fled into the United States from Ojinaga, Mex., and who were interested today at Fort Bliss on the footing of prisoners of war, tonight defended his abandonment of Ojinaga and charged General Paschal Orozco with cowardice and insubordination.

General Mercado detailed his reasons for taking asylum in this country. "He said Orozco," he said, "robbed the Federal provision train, had become arrogant, had refused to attack the rebels, had abandoned his own troops and had run away under fire to give the impression that he was cowardly. He said that Salazar and Rojas were cowardly under fire and that they abandoned their posts as soon as the rebels appeared."

Gen. Mercado charged that Gen. Paschal Orozco, commander of the Chihuahuas before we left for Ojinaga, was cowardly and that he was to be governor and military chief, hence his insubordination and cowardice. "He said that he abandoned his position in a cowardly manner. There were quarrels of all kinds."

"In Chihuahua, Generals Macilla, Salazar, Orozco and Rojas told me their forces were panic-stricken and would not fight. That led me to evacuate Chihuahua, for I had no support."

General Mercado said he was ready to go to Mexico City to stand trial by court martial.

Gen. Mercado, when his soldiers tumbled off the trains that brought them from Marfa, Texas, still was commander of his troops but his authority was subordinate to that of the American officer, High L. Scott, of the United States army and showed his gratitude for the treatment of himself and his men by cautioning the Mexican soldiers to obey orders.

Similar evidences of gratitude were shown by General Castro, Landis, Orphinal, Romero and Adana, all of whom made the long march on foot from Presidio, Texas to Marfa, and thence by train to El Paso.

Soon after their arrival the refugees were spread over the reservation mixing beans with chili and making tortillas out of flour furnished by the American army.

BINGHAM BOYS WERE EXPELLED

For Shaving the Head of Freshman and Then Whipping Him Because He Informed Authorities.

Asheville, Jan. 20.—Following alleged pranks in which a new student at Bingham had his head shaved and was whipped by other students when he furnished the authorities of the school with the names of his alleged assailants, the Bingham cadets today were fined for assault in the court of a local magistrate and announced that four students had been expelled for hazing.

The cadets who paid fines in court were L. Taylor, \$10 and one-third of the cost; Nat Grammer and Louis Read, \$5 and one-third of the cost each. The magistrate was unable to give the place of residence of the students after the school the information could not be obtained.



GLENN IS OUT OF RACE FOR SENATE

Under No Circumstances Will I Be a Candidate," He Says

ON BOUNDARY COMMISSION

President Wilson Offered Him the Place To Be Open Before March First—Of Senator Overman He Says "He Has Been Kind and Loyal To Me"—Returns Thanks To His Friends.

Former Governor R. B. Glenn announces that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for the United States Senate, that he has accepted the offer of President Wilson to become a member of the International Boundary Commission and understands the appointment will be made on or before the first of March. He declares he will not oppose Senator Overman who "has been kind and loyal to me and among my many faults I hope ingratitude may not be numbered."

His letter, dated Blinghamton, N. Y., January 19 and addressed to the editor of the News and Observer is as follows:

Out of Senate Race.
"Will you not publish this article announcing the fact, that under no circumstances will I now be a candidate for the United States Senate. The President kindly offered me two positions, and I accepted the place on the Boundary Commission and my commission, I am informed, will be issued on or before March 1st. Even, however, should there be some complications and I fall to be appointed on the Commission, I will not oppose Senator Overman for he has been kind and loyal to me and among my many faults, I hope ingratitude may not be numbered."

"In deciding not to enter the race for the Senate, I take this method of thanking my numerous friends for their zeal in wanting me to run, and for their profier of assistance in case I did, and assure them I deeply appreciate their friendship."

"In the future I will continue, as I have done in the past, to try and promote all things that stand for the material and moral upbuilding of the State, and free of charge, lend my services, whenever they can be used for the encouraging of education, the building of good highways, the securing of just and equitable freight rates, and the enforcement of law and order."

"Thanking the people of the State for past honors conferred on me by them, and hoping always to be worthy of their respect and love, and wishing you and your valuable paper all prosperity, I am, sincerely yours,"

HENDERSONVILLE MAN

In Richmond Hospital January 17—Married a Miss Stone—Coroner's Inquest Doesn't Explain Why Death Was Not Made Public at Time.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—Examination of the death department records today, revealed the fact that Charles A. Braithwaite, 223 East Marshall street, died at the City Hospital January 17 from the effects of laudanum poisoning.

Several days before taking the poison, Braithwaite asked the police to investigate a report to the effect that the husband of one of his relatives had another wife and several children at Spray, N. C. He said that the information came from H. Eanes of that place.

The police, taking the matter under consideration, ascertained that the relative in question, though getting the license here, was married in Petersburg. A detective was accordingly dispatched to tell him that he would have to consult the authorities of that city, but was unable to locate him. Although it was ascertained later that he had taken poison the police did not leave until today that he was dead.

85 Years Old; A Carpenter.
Braithwaite married a Miss Stone, of Hendersonville. He was 54 years old and a carpenter by trade. The coroner could not determine whether he took the laudanum accidentally or not. Why the death was not made public has not been explained.

CONGRESSMAN IN BRISK FIGHT

Johnson and Shields

Kentuckian Wanted To Get Pistol To Use On a Washington Lawyer—What Started the Trouble; "Would Give or Take a Licking."

Washington, Jan. 20.—A brisk fist-fight between Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, and John R. Shields, a Washington lawyer, broke up a meeting today in the House District of Columbia committee room. Committee Clerks separated the men after Johnson had thrown punches. Representative Johnson broke away and dashed into his private office shouting: "Let me get my pistol, I'll kill him."

Before the enraged Congressman repeated Shields had been hustled away and committee men and spectators had made a hasty retreat.

Tonight the incident apparently was closed. Representative Johnson said he "had been in the game too long to keep on when a fight's over" and Shields issued a statement, declaring he had acted in self-defense and indicating he did not expect any further trouble. The trouble started while a sub-committee of which Representative Johnson is chairman was hearing Representative Kahn, of California, argue for a bill to allow Washington crossing policemen to ride free on trolley cars when in uniform. Mr. Shields was present to support the bill.

Representative Johnson declared he had learned that Shields had collected a fee of four or five thousand dollars from crossing policemen for "lobby activities" in connection with a bill increasing the policemen's salaries. Chairman Cromer of the sub-committee said he would investigate and announced a recess.

"I want to be heard," insisted Shields; "I want an opportunity to reply to these unfounded charges. They are utterly false."

When Representative Johnson rounded the table and striking Shields full in the face sent him to the floor. He was up in an instant, retreating with a blow that started the blood from a cut over Johnson's right cheek bone. The men exchanged blows freely for a moment, then Shields clinched and was pounding away on the Congressman's head when clerks of the committee interfered.

"I always make a practice to take a licking when struck," said Johnson, "There was nothing for me to do but hit him when he said I told a falsehood."

Shields said: "I acted in self-defense when struck and when I was not looking. The whole thing occurred without the slightest warning or foundation."

Later the sub-committee called a dozen crossing policemen, who testified during the last Congress they had contracted to pay Shields certain sums in event he devoted his efforts to obtaining the passage of a bill increasing their pay and giving them annual leave. The hearing will be continued.

STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

Ordered To Be Investigated By South Carolina Legislature; Governor Bleasdale Sends Sensational Message.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Investigation of the State Hospital for the Insane was ordered today by the South Carolina General Assembly, following the receipt of a sensational message from Governor Cole Bleasdale, enclosing a copy of a personal letter which the Governor said was written by United States Senator B. R. Tillman and mailed under a government frank. The order directing the investigation was embodied in a concurrent resolution.

Senator Tillman said in his message that Senator Tillman, in his letter, referred to an alleged attempt to put Dr. J. W. Babcock, Superintendent of the Hospital, by Governor Bleasdale's underlings and satellites. A bill authorizing the sale of the hospital now pending in the House. The value of the property involved is said to exceed \$1,000,000.

"All the facts will be brought out if an investigation is ordered, as I hope will be. An effort will be made to smother Dr. Babcock and his lady assistant, Dr. Saunders, as these men must have such excuse, you know, and are not at all scrupulous," reads the letter alleged to have been sent by the Senator.

YES, I WROTE THE LETTER
Said Senator Tillman—It Stands For Itself and Explains Itself.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Senator Tillman tonight declined to discuss Governor Bleasdale's message to the South Carolina Legislature, other than to say that he had written such a letter as the governor had transmitted to the Legislature.

"Yes, I wrote the letter," he said. "It stands for itself and explains itself. That's all I have to say."

Richie to Meet Murphy April 3.
San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Willie Ritchie and Tom Murphy will meet here April 3. This announcement of the off-postponed lightweight championship battle was made today after a conference between the fight promoter and the champion as to when the latter believed his injured foot would be in shape. The weight will be 135 pounds, one hour before entering the ring.

HENRY MACE
Former Virginia League Umpire Accepts Offer From Federal League.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 20.—Henry Mace, formerly in the Virginia State Baseball League, announced today his acceptance of a tender as umpire in the Federal League.

LAME DUCK BOOST

IS PRODIGIOUS

SAYS SECRETARY KLUTTZ

Applause Frequent, Few Discordant Notes in Comments From Lawmakers Who Are To Pass On Recommendations—Trade Commission; Underwood First To Act; Democrats Enthusiastic.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Any body who's looking for a nice soft job, had better pass by on the other side when he gets as far as the International Joint Commission, according to Whitehead Kluttz, of Salisbury, secretary, and James A. Tawney, chairman, of said commission. Mr. Kluttz has been here on the job for two days, getting acquainted, and Chairman Tawney has convinced him that neither the commissioner nor the secretary has a sinecure. Being required to give bond of \$15,000 convinced him that his work is earnest.

"The idea of classing the International Joint Commission as a 'lame duck's roost' is ridiculous," said Mr. Kluttz this afternoon. "Governor Glenn is going to find that he will have plenty to do when he comes on as commissioner."

"The idea that this commission has nothing to do originated with a few paragraphers some two or three years ago," said Chairman Tawney, "because we have regular meetings only twice a year is no indication that the members do not work outside of that. We are always conducting hearings, investigations and the like or making reports. The work, too, is one of great responsibility, as the decisions of this commission are as final as those of the Supreme court. The commission settles not only boundary disputes, but whatever may be a point of difference between the United States and Canada."

Mr. Kluttz has called on Secretary Bryan since his arrival and was very cordially received.

Secretary Bryan feels very close to Mr. Kluttz in that the latter's father was chairman of the North Carolina delegation in the convention which first nominated Mr. Bryan for president. President Wilson feels so well toward Mr. Kluttz that he took a direct personal interest in securing his appointment.

Representative Page today recommended B. R. Aven for postmaster at Jonesboro.

Senator Simmons sixty. Senator Simmons received as a birthday gift from the clerks in his office today a beautiful mahogany cigar chest in which were two boxes of cigars. The Senator is sixty years old today and received many congratulations from his colleagues.

Three North Carolina banks, notices from three North Carolina banks who have complied with the requirements for entrance in the Federal Reserve System were received at the Treasury Department today. They were the First National, Lincolnton, The Charlotte National and The Citizens National of Johnston.

In Re Third District Primary. Representative Falson has returned to Washington after spending the holidays in the State. Asked as to his position on a primary in the Third district, Dr. Falson said he was willing to have a primary if the county executive committee thought that best, expressing a willingness to leave it to the committee.

Hendersonville Postmaster. Representative Gudger has served notice on the candidates for postmaster at Hendersonville and Forest City that all their endorsements must be mailed not later than January 19, in order to be considered. The candidates are: B. Y. Hendersonville, W. A. Blake, T. M. McCullough and W. S. Edwards. W. C. Blanton and J. L. Gamble are applicants at Bryson City. The five candidates for the office at Biltmore will settle the race in a primary February 10.

E. J. Justice is here after a short visit in Greensboro. He returned from the Pacific coast last Friday and will probably return in a few days.

A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, and W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, are here.

YOUNG MAN IN HUFF

LEAPS FROM TRAIN

Had Altercation With Conductor—Hillsboro, Jan. 20.—At Dimmock's Hill, about one mile west of the station at Hillsboro, late this afternoon, a well dressed young man whose name was unknown to the conductor, jumped off train No. 22 due here at 3:35 o'clock.

He was seen to roll over and over several times, but how badly hurt he was or whether he was killed or not, is not known at this hour. The train was running at a speed of forty miles an hour and it is thought very probable that he was seriously hurt.

"On the arrival of the train, the conductor notified the ticket agent at this place, and he in turn notified the local officers. Policemen Crawford and Constable Gates are now looking around in the vicinity of where the young man leaped from the train."

According to the conductor, the young man had an altercation over the fare. The conductor passed on and in a few moments the young man walked to the platform and jumped off. The train was not stopped.

Vice-President Lanford's Will
New York, Jan. 20.—The will of Richard L. Lanford was filed today. He leaves half of his estate to his fiancée.

Senator Lodge remarked that the message was "very satisfactory" and Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, said, "The President has attacked the problem from his own standpoint."

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