

Weather: Fair and Warmer

Intervention In Mexico Worries Congressmen.

Washington, Feb. 17.—With the shadow of possible Mexican intervention hovering over Congress, general legislative activity in both houses has come practically to a standstill. No immediate need to take up the question of warlike moves against Mexico is anticipated, but both houses of Congress are prepared to receive the issue should it be thrust upon them in the remaining days of the Taft administration or after the new Congress comes into being March 4.

It has been determined that there will be no more general legislation of an important nature before adjournment. One more problem was handed over to the new administration last week, when the house judiciary committee decided to take no action on the single six-year Presidential term resolution. This had passed the senate by the narrow margin of one vote and promised a heated controversy had the judiciary committee given the house a chance to consider it.

Most of other debated questions also have been lifted out of this Congress by the events of last week and the remaining time will be devoted to appropriation bills and minor legislation.

An attempt in both houses to re-pass the "literacy test" immigration bill over President Taft's veto will mark the opening of the week and the friends of the measure in the senate and house express confidence that it will receive a two-thirds majority and become a law, notwithstanding the President's disapproval.

OPPOSES SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

To the Daily News:

Just few thoughts on the present status of affairs in our State and country.

Why do we need a six months school with compulsory attendance when the farmer is already over-taxed and no labor is to be had on the farm? How long can the farmer stand it when we compel children to go to school six months in the year? We talk about the high cost of living, when what is the matter is simply that we can not get labor on our farms, and prices are bound to advance. If we are to be compelled to send our children to school six months in the year, then let the State provide books and clothing. I think the State has gone crazy over education. We can not get all our living by being educated; there has got to be some one left to till the soil. I am awfully afraid that education will yet cause the overthrow of this government.

The great cry for education is simply that some one wants a job. We are paying taxes enough now for a ten months school, but more than one-half of the school funds go to superintendents and other officers, and never get to the children. We hear that two men in this neighborhood have signed a petition for a six months school and compulsory attendance, when neither one of them has any children to attend school. The petition was not presented to any one but these two gentlemen. There is no sentiment in our vicinity for a six months school nor for compulsory attendance. The farmers cannot spare their children to attend the present school terms.

Now, when every boy gets to be a bookkeeper or railroad clerk or post-office clerk or to hold some other good position, I would like to know who is going to feed the greedy hank that wants a living. We are now over-burdened with just such labor as education furnishes, and I fear the worst has not yet come. We are always seeing a young boy in our neighborhood, as fast as he becomes of age, go off to hunt some soft job. And I want to warn the people now that he time will come when the hungry can not be fed. Every day, we see tillable land being vacated for lack of labor, and farm produce is less in proportion to the population than it was twenty years ago. Now we are pushed to our limits, and it seems there is to be an increase of taxes for schools and roads and like things?

Under the present road law, it takes all the money to pay the bosses, and very little goes for the road. There is 12 miles of road in my neighborhood that has had but one day's work with five hands since it went on taxation. And I know that

COUNT BONI AMAZES ROME

Rome, Feb. 17.—Count Boni de Castellane is here, again scoring the annulment of his religious marriage with Anna Gould, now the wife of his cousin, the Duke de Tallaryand, who accompanied her to her sister's wedding in New York recently.

Count de Castellane is employing a lawyer so extraordinary that Rome is amazed, and in making promises so remarkable to the Vatican to attain his wish that they must be related in greater detail.

That the Count is a special envoy from the Chinese Republic to the Vatican is the constant and wide report both in religious and lay circles, here, and the Count makes no effort to deny it. As such the Count, it is said, stands ready to negotiate with the Holy See a convention that would give great privileges to Catholic missionaries in China and so facilitate the conversion to Catholicism of millions of Chinese.

But even more remarkable almost fantastic, is the explanation of de Castellane's appearance at the Vatican as the Chinese Republic's representative. Several years ago, or so the story runs, the Count became interested in an impoverished young Chinaman who was studying at the Sorbonne in Paris. The student sought a position that would enable him to support himself and at the same time allow him to pursue his studies.

The young Oriental was very talented and very proud, and de Castellane engaged him as his private secretary, a position he filled until he was summoned to China.

This poor student was none other than Sun Yat Sen, who did more than any man to incite the revolution in China and who was the republic's provisional President. He has never ceased to correspond with Count Boni de Castellane.

When his once secretary rose to power the Count gained from the grateful Sun Yat Sen his special mission to the Vatican that he might be able to offer a superb quid pro quo in the annulment of his marriage. However strange is this seemingly well-founded report, it is certain that Count Boni visited Cardinal Merry Del Val on Tuesday and again on Friday and on both occasions had a long conversation with the Papal Secretary of State.

Back of de Castellane's attempt to annul his marriage, it is said, is his desire to marry a wealthy American woman whose exact identity is shrouded in mystery, although Roman society hints that there is a coincidence in the fact that the Count's stay in Rome last year coincided with that of J. P. Morgan.

MRS. LILLIAN DUDLEY DEAD.

Yesterday the funeral of Mrs. Lillian L. Dudley took place from Ware's chapel church.

Mrs. Dudley died very suddenly Friday afternoon at about 7 o'clock from congestion at her home on East Fifth street.

Mrs. Dudley was the daughter of Captain W. A. Parvis, and was born three miles north of Monroe. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. T. Dudley, and by her father, her mother, four sisters, three brothers, and two children, one of whom is an infant but five days old.

Mrs. Dudley was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and she will be sorely mourned by all who know her.

Dr. A. K. Taylor has returned from Norfolk, where he has been on business.

The communities in the road boundary have paid \$40 poll tax for the work, saying nothing of the tax on personal property.

And we hope that Messrs. Studert and Rodman will not help to pass a State-wide stock law, as they both pledged themselves not to do before the election.

This is what I think of the present state of affairs in our State and country.

But Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

J. A. BUCK.

Gilead, N. C.

CANAL DISPUTE IS NOT YET SETTLED

Washington, Feb. 17.—Sir Edward Grey's rejoinder to Secretary Knox's last note regarding the Panama Canal tolls question practically has been completed in its substance and at least is expected to reach Washington this week.

It is understood that this last note by no means settles the controversy, nor does it contain assurance of any acceptance of the American proposition to exchange ratifications of the pending general arbitration treaty under the terms of which the issue might be referred to the special commission of six members proposed to be created by that convention.

CHARMING YOUNG LADIES ENTERTAIN AT AUCTION

Miss Olive Burbank, Miss Mae Ayers, Miss Mary Simmons Jones, and Miss Julia Mayo entertained at auction bridge at the home of Miss Burbank last Friday afternoon from 3 till 6, an account of which delightful function had to be held over from Saturday's paper for lack of space.

The affair was essentially a Valentine party, the dining-room being decorated in pink and white hearts, which hung from the chandelier of pink carnations, and were festooned over the entire room. In the middle of the dining-room table was a lace center-piece, and a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. On the table bon bon dishes filled with stuffed dates and salted peanuts had been placed. The Valentine scheme was carried out in the parlor, which was decorated with red hearts. Potted plants were scattered about in profusion.

Delicious refreshments in two courses were served most graciously by Miss Sibylla Griffin and Miss Evelyn Jones.

Those present, besides the four charming hostesses, were: Miss Adeline Mayo, Miss Linda Moore, Miss Lee Banks, Miss Mary Clyde Hassell, Miss Annie Cox, Miss Mary Cowell, Miss Winnie Nicholson, Miss Lizzie Hill, Miss Francis Lacy, Mrs. George Hackney, Mrs. Cecil Fisher of Norfolk, Mrs. Dan Taylor of Scotland Neck, Mrs. Lewis Mann, Mrs. Edward Mallison, Mrs. Norwood Simmons, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Claude Carrow, Mrs. Harry McMullan, Mrs. Edward Matthews, Mrs. Percival Richmond, Mrs. A. M. Dumay.

WILL MAKE HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

The Consolidated Talking Machine Co. of Chicago has stationed Mr. F. H. Upjohn in Washington as the representative of the company for this territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Upjohn have arrived in the city, and consider this place their home henceforth.

Miss Eloise Davenport, who has been visiting Miss Maud Faux, returned to her home at Pinetown this afternoon.

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Your cost of living is one of your biggest problems. It is the problem of every housewife. The value you receive for every dollar you spend should be a matter of serious thought, for of course you want to "thrive."

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Read The Daily News closely and constantly; read it every night and get the messages of thrift that the best storekeepers are sending to their customers each day.

TIRED WOMEN ARE STILL MARCHING

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—Enthusiastic crowds greeted the survivors of the little band of suffragettes which arrived here early last night bound from New York to Washington. Footsore and streaked with the dust of forty roads, the eight women, under command of "General" Rosalie G. Jones, marched up Market street to the local suffrage headquarters in a lane cleared by a police escort. Hundreds of sympathizers met "the army" on the roads between Burlington and Camden and escorted them here.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET IN THE GRADED SCHOOL

The First Section of the county teachers' association met Saturday in the Washington graded school, where Superintendent W. L. Vaughan, conducted a discussion of Part Three of a book treating of reading in the public schools. The meeting was conducted as nearly as possible as if those present were in an actual class room.

The teachers of the county have recently been divided into three sections, the first comprising Chocowinity, Washington, and one-half of Long Ace Township. The second division includes of Richmond Township. It meets Friday of this week in the Aurora school. The third section is composed of Bath, Pantego, and one half of Lang Ace Township. It meets at 10 o'clock next Saturday in the Washington graded school building. All of these meetings are conducted by the superintendent.

TANGO CAPTIVATES PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Tango craze has reached such a pitch here that a group of society leaders, including Princess Murat, Mme. Jean de Resaie, and a royal Princess, who keeps geogalito for the present, has arranged to place a sumptuous mansion in the Champs Elysees at the disposition of a young and fashionable teacher of the Tango for him to give a course of lessons to the smart set during the season.

Tickets in three colors will be issued: Blue for women of the most exclusive society circle, pink for other women, and white for men. The course will be opened by a brilliant fete, which will be one of the events of the season. All the principal Paris dandies will make a point of being present, notably Pierre Lafitte, the well-known publisher, who has shown himself of late one of the most agile guests at Mme. Adolphe Brisson's Tango parties.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTION MEET SATURDAY.

The Col. James Bonner Society of the Children of the American Revolution of Aurora, N. C., will celebrate Washington's Birthday with appropriate exercises in the auditorium of the Aurora Graded School building Saturday, February 22, 1913, at 8 p. m.

The public is cordially invited. Admission is free.

LOTTIE HALE BONNER,
President.

CRISIS EXPECTED IN THE STRIKE SITUATION

New York, Feb. 17.—The crisis in the controversy between the eastern railroads and their 24,000 firemen which last week narrowed down to the method of arbitration to be employed to settle the differences between them, is expected tomorrow when representatives of both sides have agreed to meet Judge Knapp, of the Commerce Court, and G. W. Wanger, acting commissioner of labor, the federal mediators, in a final effort to avert a strike.

"We are waiting for Judge Knapp and Mr. Wanger to announce, that they are unable, under the federal laws, to secure arbitration," President W. S. Carter, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said tonight. "This means that nothing will be done by us until tomorrow."

IF YOU WOULD SMILE THEN DON'T SPEED

New York, Feb. 17.—Those who travel along Automobile Row have often wondered why A. L. McMurry, J. C. Matlock, Joe Josephs, Larry Hardy, Harry Caldwell and "Art" Underhill so seldom are seen to smile.

The answer is simple, according to the London Standard, which claims that people who travel at high speed cease to smile. In an article on this question it says:

"Chauffeurs, motor-omnibus drivers, taxicab drivers, underground railway officials, locomotive engineers, motor-cyclists, ordinary cyclists—in fact, all whose occupation in life keeps them traveling at a speed of more than ten miles an hour, have forgotten or lost the habit of smiling. This is another evidence of national habits changing under our eyes, and it is to be the subject of a scientific paper, which will shortly be read before a junior philosophical body which is being formed to discuss the ever-changing tendencies of mankind and their possible influences for good or ill.

"Smiling, it will be advanced, is incompatible with speed. Rapid motion sets the facial muscles rigid; it gives a thrill which deadens the risible faculties. The effect is irresistible; it applies to all humanity, and it is a natural impulse which sets the muscles of the face when the body is moving at a high speed—an impulse which is beyond our control.

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GIRL PRODIGY MEETS HEISTS.

Boston, Feb. 17.—A number of tests made by Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard, Dr. Hyslop of Columbia, Dr. Henry W. Hopkins, and others, of the mental state of Beulah Miller, the ten-year-old girl of Warren, R. I., who accurately locates and describes hidden things, are described in The Boston American today.

Dr. Hopkins makes an affidavit in which he says:

"I began the test of turning the stone of my ring inside my hand, putting my hand in my pocket. When Beulah came in from another room I asked her what I had in my left hand. She readily said, 'A diamond.' I then put my hand in my right pocket, and asked her what I had in my right hand. She said 'Purse,' which was correct. I took a coin in my right hand while it was still in my pocket and said: 'Beulah, what have I in my right hand now?' She said, 'Quarter.' I said: 'Now, Beulah, if you will tell me the figures on the coin it is yours.' She answered '1-0-0-8,' and the quarter was hers. I then opened the case of my watch and looked at the number of the movement, closed the case, and put the watch back in my pocket. I asked Beulah if she could tell me the number of the watch movement. She said, '5-8-4-9-8-4.' These were the actual figures."

Dr. Hopkins also took his watch from his pocket and, holding it concealed, asked her the time. Her reply was accurate.

Miss Maud Faux has gone to spend a few days with Misses Eloise and "Tough" Davenport of Pinetown.

LECTURE

CANNON BIDS FAREWELL TO POLITICS

Washington, Feb. 15.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, veteran legislator and former Speaker of the House of Representatives, was the guest of honor last night at a farewell banquet given by public men with whom he has long been associated.

The affair was unique, even in this city of banquets, for it was the last chapter but one in the passing of a man who has served thirty-eight years in Congress.

The dinner was also non-partisan. At least 500 guests, comprising members of the Senate and House, Cabinet officials, members of the diplomatic corps and Washington newspaper correspondents, gathered to do honor to "Uncle Joe." Democrats and Republicans broke bread together and political differences were forgotten in paying tribute to one of the most picturesque figures in contemporary political life.

The dinner was in charge of a non-partisan committee of twenty members of the House. At its head was Representative Humphreys, of Mississippi, of Pennsylvania, a Republican, was vice chairman.

The movement for a farewell dinner to the former Speaker was inaugurated several weeks ago when a number of Democrats and Republicans gathered in the office of Mr. Humphreys and started a subscription list. The response was immediate and the list of prospective diners had grown steadily since that time. As the hour for the dinner approached it became apparent that the attendance would be a genuine tribute to the old Republican war-horse and that it would tax the capacity of the big dining room.

Joseph G. Cannon will be seventy-eight years old in May. He says he will never seek public office again; that he is "going back to Danville to help the young men whose fathers helped him in former years."

On March 4 next he will have served nineteen terms as a member of the House. He was out "or two years—the fifty-second Congress—but otherwise his tenure of office has been continuous. According to the number of years of actual service, "Uncle Joe" stands head high over any other member of Congress. His nearest rival is Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, who also retired on March 4. Senator Cullom entered the Senate in 1882, and has therefore been a member for thirty years.

SULTAN TO BE PEACEMAKER.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The aid of the Sultan of Turkey in insuring peace in at least a part of the Philippines is to be sought by Major John P. Finley, U. S. A., who left here today for Constantinople. Major Finley goes as a special representative of the United States as well as Minister Plenipotentiary from the 600,000 Mohammedan tribesmen in the Philippines. He will attempt to get from the Sultan as leader of the Mohammedan religion an open letter instructing the tribesmen to submit to United States sovereignty, and pointing out to them that it would be to their advantage to do so.

Major Finley, who for ten years was governor of the islands, will seek to have the Sultan assure the Mussulmans that their religion will be respected under American rule. Not long ago the tribesmen were told by agitators, according to the Major, that the Americans would use the taxes collected from them to overthrow their faith. A public meeting was held, and Major Finley was selected to present the Mussulmans' case to President Taft and through him to the Sultan.

LECTURE ON "SUNSHINE" BY DR. BOYLE.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, N. C., is scheduled to deliver a lecture in Washington Wednesday evening, February 26th, at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Barren class of the local Methodist church.

His subject will be, "Sunshine," and if there is anything in a title, his hearers may look forward to an enlightening address.

Mr. L. S. O'Brien of Wharton was in the city Sunday.

SHALL WOMEN ENTER THE MINISTRY?

Evanston, Ill., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, suffragist and Justice of the Peace, made an impromptu speech in favor of women for the ministry in the First Congregational church here last night.

Mrs. McCulloch arose from the pew where she was seated in the congregation, after Dr. O. S. Davis, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, had deplored the fact that good material for the ministry is scarce. He had said that the ordinary church cannot afford to pay a salary sufficient to support a high class pastor and his family, and the result is that only men of limited attainments can be had.

"Why don't you get women to preach?" asked Mrs. McCulloch. After Dr. Davis had answered that the question of ordaining women as ministers had often been discussed, Mrs. McCulloch said:

"You should seek the women as you do the men. There are many girls in college who are more capable than men to take up preaching. They could do better because they could live cheaper and they would not be burdened with families. Women would be at the height of her influence in this field, because the church is not only a place for spiritual uplift, but also a social center and a tonic place for the moral life of the community."

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

Unusually large and attentive congregations attended the Methodist church yesterday. The morning subject was, "The Gospel of the Kingdom," and the pastor earnestly stressed the cause of missions. One new member was announced. The Sunday school had a good session, the numbers present being 212.

The evening discourse was based on Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you, etc." Giving was urged as a divinely appointed cure for selfishness. Give as God has prospered you. This afternoon the aid society of the M. E. church, will meet with Mrs. F. J. Woodard, on E. Main street at 4 o'clock.

SIDE SPLITTING FARCE AT LYRIC TONIGHT

"Guest and Waiter," is the name of the star attraction billed for the Lyric tonight. The comedians comprising the team which gives this ridiculous farce come exceedingly well recommended, and have a long record of pleased audiences left behind them in their tour.

The title alone of this skit is suggestive of infinite possibilities for mirth. If you feel the need of a good, hearty, hearty laugh, then come out to the Lyric tonight.

WINS BOYHOOD LOVE IN OLD AGE

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Not wishing to occupy a large chicken farm at Egg Harbor, N. J., alone, George Theis, a widower, sixty-five years old, came to this city for a bride, after corresponding with a sweetheart of his childhood days. Mrs. Dora Quent, who had been a widow for twenty years. Mr. Theis popped the question about three weeks ago, also setting forth that he had purchased a chicken farm at Egg Harbor, and his proposal was accepted.

The bridegroom has two grown children and the now Mrs. Theis, who is fifty-two years old, has three children.

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