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Congress Criticises Traveling Expenses of President

OVERDREW $25,000 ALLOWANCE

Deeply Grieved by Suggested Reflection on Southern Hospitality Democratic Congressmen Object to New Appropriation For Expenses Becoming Immediately Available.

Washington, Special.— President Taft's traveling expenses and the fact that he had overdrawn his allowance of $25,000 a year voted by congress led to acrimonious debate in the house Thursday and a refusal to permit him to use the next year's allowance to meet the deficiency.

As reported from the house committee on appropriations the items of $25,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, next, would have become "immediately available" except for the protests of Democratic members. The words "immediately available" were finally stricken out by the action of Mr. Mann (Ill.), the occupant of the chair, in sustaining a point of order made by Mr. Macon (Ark), a Democrat. It was the Western and Southern trip made last fall that exhausted the White House traveling fund. During the debate Chairman Tawney, in charge of the bill, criticised Southern Democrats for their attitude in objecting to an appropriation to defray the expense of a trip on which they had been the president's guests. Mr. Hardwick (Ga), drew from Mr. Tawney the admission that Secretary Carpenter had furnished him a list of names of Democrats who had accepted the president's hospitality.

In connection with the use of such names. Mr. Burtlett (Ga.), charged that "the president has violated both the rules of hospitality and of decent conduct."

The president, Mr. Tawney said, had made his trip through the West and South at the invitation of senators, governors of States and civic organizations,

"This trip," Mr. Tawney said, "was not made for his own pleasure. Congress was in session when delegation after delegation from the house, from the senate and from the different States visited him urging him to make this trip."

At that time, Mr. Tawney said, there was no appropriation to meet the traveling expenses.

Washington, Special.—"In all my experience, and I have enjoyed the hospitality of many sections and countries of the world, I never had a more cordial, generous or open and lavish welcome than I had in the Southern States during my trip, and the slightest hint that puts me in the attitude of a critic of that hospitality gives me great pain."

This in part is the manner in which President Taft Friday in a letter to Chairman Tawney of the House committee on appropriations keenly resented criticisms passed by Democrats in the debate in the House Thursday upon the traveling expenses of the President.

The President says he is escpecially distressed by "suggested reflection on Southern hospitality."

Union Veteran "Sat Down On."

Freeport, Ill., Special.—At an executive session of the department of Illinois, G. A. R., here Thursday, a resolution of Col. Jasper P. Darling Columbia post, Chicago, calling upon the president to take such steps as may seem best to remove the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee from the nation's hall of fame at Washington and to return it to the care and custody of the State of Virginia was laid on the table as ill-advised.

Prisoners Get in Style

Columbus, Ohio, Special.—One hundred prisoners, from murderers to burglars, went on a strike at the Ohio penitentiary and refused to work because they thought that they were being fed condemned meat.

The strikers were placed in solitary confinement.

The officials deny that the prisoners are being given condemned meat.

Startling Testimony of Sugar Witness

New York, Special.—Oliver Spitzer former superintendent of docks of the American Sugar Refining Company in Williamsburg, (Brooklyn) who recently was pardoned from the penitentiary by President Taft, explained Thursday why he did not confess during the trial which ended last February with his being sentenced to two years at Atlanta. Such a confession, he declared, on the stand would "have carried him to a cemetery." In other words, he would have implicated a dead man—Henry O. Havemeyer, late head of the Sugar trust.

"BY THIS SIGN CONQUER."

Sunday School Children in Uniform Parade and Sing.

Washington, Special.—Children took the principal part in the closing session of the sixth Convention of the World's Sunday-school Association.

Dressed in costumes of most of the nations of the world and carrying the flags of those countries, preceded by the "conquest flag," which bears a cross and the words "by this sign conquer," a long line of them filled the front of the big platform and later marched through the aisles of the immense hall singing.

The next Convention will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1913. The month and date will be determined later by the executive committee.

The committee on resolutions presented a report, which was unanimously adopted by the Convention, declaring for a campaign of evangelization in the Roman Catholic countries; for civic purity; for universal peace and expressing the conviction that Sunday-school influences are responsible for the wave of prohibition which has swept some sections of the country.

Boys Lost to Church.

Washington, Special.—Seventy-five per cent. of all the boys over 13 years in the Protestant Sunday schools of the United States are lost to the church and never make professions of faith. Such a statement, spoken by Eugene C. Foster of Detroit, in one of the workers' conferences which followed the World's Sunday School convention, astonished Sunday school workers from all parts of the earth.

Killed When Looking at Comet.

Princeton, Ky., Special.—Lincoln Oliver, a well-known farmer, of Caldwell county, was shot and seriously wounded while standing in his yard looking at the comet.

Oliver was a leader in the Dark Tobacco association and was concerned in the suits recently filed at Paducah. He was also a witness against the alleged night riders, tried a few weeks ago at Hopkinsville.

Will That Stop the Girls?

Washington, Special.—After considering all sides of the controversy which has arisen over the use of shellac and other gums for coating chocolates, the board of food and drug inspection of the Department of Agriculture has decided that the use of shellac is not a proper proceeding under the food and drug acts.

Good Man Falls.

Cleveland, Ohio, Special.—Chief of Police Federick Kohler, known throughout the country as the "golden rule" chief, and lauded by President Roosevelt as the best chief of police in the country, was suspended by Mayor Baehr on charges of gross immorality, habitual drunkenness and disobedience of orders.

Aged Veterans Meet.

Houston, Texas, Special.—Texan-Mexican War veterans Wednesday met in reunion, with an attendance of fourteen. Thursday will be spent on the field of San Jacinto, where General Sam Houston crushed General Santa Anna, winning the independence of Texas in 1836. Alonzo Steel, sole survivor of the battle, and ninety-three years old, is among those in attendance.

Each Claimed Blackest Husband.

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—Sallie Washington, colored, who cut her neighbor, Letha King, to death with a razor following an argument in which each contended that her husband was the "blackest" was convicted of murder, the verdict carrying a life sentence.

No Law Against Buying Vote.

Chicago, Special.—Declaring there is no Illinois statute regulating the election of United States Senators and arguing therefore that there was no law violation if Lee O'Neal Browne as is charged, paid Representative White to vote for Wm. Lorimer, Attorney W. S. Forest continued efforts here to have the bribery indictments against Browne quashed.

Compared Lee to Benedict Arnold.

Freeport, Ill., Special.—Inveighing against the placing of the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the hall of fame in Washington, Col. Jasper T. Darling, past commander of Columbia post, G A. R., Chicago, addressed the initial campfire of the State encampment of the Illinois G. A. R. He compared Robert E. Lee to Benedict Arnold and prophesied that the acceptance of the statute of the Confederate leader would be a step towards pensioning Confederate soldiers and opening the way to the federal government assuming the burden of Confederate war bonds.

FRIENDS TO RESCUE

Augusta Business Men Come to Aid of Taft

OFFER TO PAY THE OVERDRAFT

Of $5,000 of the President's Traveling Expenses Made by Southerners—Taft Pleased at Evidence of Friendliness—Cannot Accept Offer.

Washington, Special.—A protest against the action of certain Democratic members of the Congress in opposing the appropriation of $25,000 for the President's traveling expenses, covering the President's last Southern trip and an offer to make up the deficiency, was telegraphed to Speaker Cannon Saturday by the Augusta (Ga.) Chamber of Commerce and Cotton Exchange and Georgia-Carolina Fair Association. The telegram announced that at a called meeting of the three organizations the following memorial was ordered sent to the Speaker, to be presented to the House and to President Taft:

"Augusta, the winter home of President Taft, stands indignant and mortified at the action of certain Democratic members of Congress in defeating by technical objection the proposition to make retroactive, so as to cover all the expenses of his last Southern trip, the appropriation of $25,000 for the President's traveling expenses.

"At a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, and the Georgia-Carolina Fair Association held this day, it was unanimously agreed that we respectfully tender through you, to the government of the United States the $5,000 necessary to meet the deficiency of the President's recent trans-continental trip which did so much to cement the ties between the different sections and bring nation and the nation's Chief Executive in closer touch and sympathy with each other."

The President could not possibly accept the offer of the patriotic Georgians. He intends to pay out of his own pocket his traveling expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. These will amount to about $7,000 or $8,000, as the President proposes to make all the visits planned by him between now and the end of the year.

Two Brave American Boys.

Washington, Special.—After riding on horseback most of the way across the continent to meet Colonel Roosevelt on his arrival in New York, Louie and Temple Abernathy, aged 9 and 6, respectively, sons of Jack Abernathy, the wolf catcher and friend of the former President, arrived here Saturday night. They rode from Frederick, Md., Saturday, a distance of 57 miles. Temple dropped off to sleep the minute his head touched the pillow. While the little fellow was curled up restfully under the white covers, Louie talked of their trip.

"Temple and I," he said, "wanted to see some of the animals sent from Africa and we will go over to the Smithsonian Institution to see if we can have a look at some of them."

When asked what he intended to say to Mr. Roosevelt when he met him in New York, Louie replied that "it would depend on what Mr. Roosevelt said to them" and that he "could not cross that fence until he came to it."

President Taft received the two little travelers.

Virginia Urged to Welcome Roosevelt.

Representative C. B. Slemp, of the Ninth Virginia District, and Republican State Chairman; is urging that Virginia be represented in New York City on June 18, when Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is to be welcomed home.

What Difference is There ?

Rockford, Ill., Special.—After being "dry" for a year, 40 "model" saloons have been licensed to begin business in Rockford. The new ordinance regulating the traffic contains several novel features, including the prohibition of treating.

It is also unlawful for a saloonkeeper to have a chair or a free lunch counter in his place.

The High Cost of Vota .

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Senator D. W. Holslaw, Saturday confessed to State's attorney, Burke, and later to the grand jury that he voted for William Lorimer for United States Senator and was paid therefor $2,500 by State Senator John Broderick of Chicago.

Don't Strike Uncle Sam's Boys.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—A hundred and twenty-five dollars a punch is what it costs to strike a mail-carrier in Memphis. At this ratio, J. W. Fleece, a local business man was fined $250 by Judge McCall in the United States district court of an assault committed several months ago.

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

The intense hatred of proselytes from the native religions is shown in the more than ordinary Chinese ingenuity employed in torturing them. In some instances victims' tongues have been torn out by the roots, and they have been mockingly told to preach the new creed. Bound till they could scarcely move a muscle, others have been tickled continually till their brains gave way. The water torture—the steady dropping of water on one spot of the body—has been frequently employed.

The oldest theological student ever graduated from the Union Theological seminary, New York, is the Rev. Hareatune Jinishian, who has just received his diploma. Mr. Jinishian will be 70 years old in a few months. His wife and children witnessed the graduation exercises. He is an Armenian and is older than any of the professors who taught him during his work in the seminary, where he has been a student for six years.

After a delay of 32 years, Charles Dana Burrage, a wealthy attorney of Boston, was graduated Wednesday from the University of California with the degree of bachelor of arts. "Charles" Burrage we denied a diploma because of a snake, an owl and a pair of lizards which appeared in Professor Palda's French class back in '78. But his classmates have labored incessantly in his behalf. And now the faculty has relented and Burrage was given his degree.

Mrs. Alfred Gillison, was nearly pulled overboard by a shark, which grabbed her line while she was fishing, with her husband, off South Atlantic City. The woman pluckily held on to the line until her husband reached her and pulled in the fish. The shark was over five feet long, and weighed 50 pounds.

Glenn H. Curtis decided not to make the trip from Albany last week in an aeroplane in an attempt to reach New York and win the $10,000 prize offered by the New York World.

The 9-months-old child of Mrs. Anna Blakely was found suffocated in bed at Chicago, presumably by the house cat, which previously had been lying across the child's neck.

Mrs. Tabitha King, who died at London, Ky., at the age of 94 years, leaves 95 living grandchildren. She was the mother of 12 sons and daughters.

Benjamin Boyce, accused by Chicago Blackstone Hotel officials of disorderly conduct in assailing his father, W. D. Boyce, the millionaire publisher, pleaded guilty in the Municipal Court and paid a fine of $5. He objected to his divorced father remarrying.

Champ Clark, minority leader of the House, sees a long and hot road ahead of Congress before it finishes the work of this session.

Two officers are out of the National Guard of Georgia as a result of their failure to attend school for officers at Fort McPherson.

Capt. George W. Ruggles, inventor of the rotary snow plow and of nation-wide fame as a canoe builder, is dead at his home near Rochester, N. Y.

Net profits of $110,000 were realized for the Actor's Fund, devoted to the care of aged and needy stage followers, by the recent fair held in New York city, according to the statement of President Daniel Frohman, of New York.

Alfred H. Marshall, on trial for murder, at Savannah, Ga., growing out of the killing of two negroes with his automobile on April 1, was acquitted after the jury had been out but a few minutes.

Uriah Stevens, who pleaded guilty to having shot two blackbirds, at Allentown, Pa., was fined $20 and costs by Alderman Reninger. The prosecution was brought by Game Warden Milton H. Weiss.

Friends of Miss Elinor Wickham, of St. Louis, are authority for the statement that the father of her fiance, Joseph Pultizer, Jr., has presented her with a solid gold dinner service for a wedding gift, costing $50,000.

A bill has been passed by the Senate appropriating $250,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of buildings for an immigrant station at Seattle, Wash.

It would be unlawful for the Postoffice Department to print the name or address of a business firm on stamped envelopes after June 30, 1911, if a bill introduced by Representative Tou Yelle, of Ohio, and reported favorably from the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads is passed.

In the last nine years the price of mule-power has gone up more than one hundred per cent. In 1901 a first-class mule could be bought for $145, in 1907 the price had risen to $210, and it is now about $300.

The late Woodbury Kane's famous polo and tandem pony Punch is dead at the age of 45 years.

The elimination from bill boards of the abbreviated skirt and of tights was advocated at Cincinnati and at the International Poster Printers' association of the United States and Canada convention by its secretary, Clarence E. Runey.

Fat women, take notice! Miss Ruth Armstrong, of New York, who is 19, has solved the get-thin-quick problem, and without drugs or doctors, for her fasting scheme is proving successful beyond her greatest expectations. She lost 40 pounds in 13 days.

Friends of Alfred Ohlson, of Paterson, N. J., are divided in opinion as to just where a man's false teeth will do the most good. Ohlson swallowed his false teeth about six weeks ago. The doctors found Ohlsen suffering no ill effects of the change and decided not to disturb the counterfeits.

Seven tons of African hunting trophies, constituting a collection similar to that which Theodore Roosevelt has sent to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, are on their way to Pittsburg from Nairobi, British East Africa, for the Carnegie museum at Pittsburg.

A Cat's Curious Conduct.

Macon, Ga., Special.—A Maltese cat belonging to the parsonage of Christ church gave birth to a litter of kittens on the highest ledge of the church steeple, fully 125 feet from the ground, and then jumped to the ground and escaped unhurt. Just why the cat selected the church steeple and such a precarious place to start to raising a family, and how she ever reached that pinnacle, are questions that are puzzling the people of the neighborhood very much.

Railroad Trunk Robber Caught.

New York, Special.—Martin Jacobsky, alias Jackson, alias Bosky, who is charged with having a part in a series of trunk robberies in the Southern States aggregating more than $200,000, started for Richmond, Va., Thursday in charge of a railroad detective. Jacobsky was arrested last Saturday and has been awaiting requisition papers.

One of the indictments against Jacobsky is for the alleged theft of a trunk from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad worth $8,000.

Pugilistic Performance Will Come Off.

San Francisco, Special.—The police committee of the board of supervisors have recommended that a permit be granted the Broadway Athletic Club to hold a boxing contest in this city on July 4.

Representatives of the Church Federation were present and protested against the recommendation. The Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held under the auspices of the Broadway Athletic Club.

Great Men Honored.

Washington, D. C., Special.—President Taft, Mrs. Taft, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, King George of England, President Diaz, of Mexico, and Wm. Jennings Bryan were made life members of the World's Sunday School Association in the convention amid scenes of great enthusiasm. For each of those so honored $1,000 had to be subscribed, and in the case of Colonel Roosevelt the chairman of the convention, by popular demand, limited a subscription to one dollar.

Greatest Man in the World.

London, By Cable.—The Daily Telegraph, in a long editorial eulogy of Colonel Roosevelt, describes him as the most powerful statesman in the English-speaking world.

"His personality," says The Telegraph, "is better known throughout the globe than any other, except the German emperor, and in some ways he is the stronger marked of the two and he could, if he pleased, become the Warwick of American politics."

An Opinion.

Little Rock, Special.—In the opinion of Dr. W. D. Hunter, entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, the boll weevil will have invaded the entire cotton belt within the coming 15 years.

Organization Escaped Prisoners Now

Rome, Ga., Special.—The 22nd escape from the county jail within the present year was made Tuesday morning when five white prisoners charged with burglary and other crimes, sawed their way to liberty.

Chicago Police Methods.

Chicago, Special.—Stephen Zacak, 24 years old, who, after 52 hours of almost continuous questioning during which, it is said, he was not permitted to sleep, confessed to the murder of a policeman, committed suicide. The allaged slayer hanged himself with a handkerchief, while in his cell at the stockyards police station. The ordeal through which Zacak was subjected and the shooting of two men who did not halt at the command of detectives not in uniform, have aroused much comment as to police methods in this city.

LUTHERAN COLLEGES

Proposition Made to Consolidate Lenoir and Mt. Pleasant.

SENTIMENT STRONG FOR CHANGE

If Effected May Have a Far-Reaching Influence in Work of Lutheran Church—Tennessee Synod Meets October 1st—Extra Session N. C. Synod Probable.

Hickory, N. C., Special.—In answer to the broad proposition for consolidation of Lenoir College and Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute made Tuesday night by the commission of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, the officers of the Tennessee Synod and the committee of the board of trustees of Lenoir College, met Wednesday morning and drew up a proposition and submitted it to the commission of the North Carolina Synod. It was first submitted to the full board of trustees of Lenoir College which adopted it unanimously and then adjourned sine die.

This proposition, in whatever form it leaves the joint conference, is to be submitted to the respective synods for final consideration.

There is a small indebtedness of about $12,000 on Lenoir College and under the resolution the North Carolina Synod would assume half of this debt. It is understood that the indebtedness of the North Carolina Synod on its Mount Pleasant properties is small and therefore there is nothing burdensome in the terms of the resolution that the Tennessee Synod is to be free from any responsibility for indebtedness at Mount Pleasant.

Lenoir College has a magnificent property with a fine main building whose towering dome overlooks the town. In it are class-rooms. There are two up-to-date dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, two stories and spacious. There are professors' houses around the beautiful wooded 20-acre campus. The property is easily worth $100,000. The old North Carolina College property is estimated by some to be worth $40,000, but probably $30,000 would be too liberal an estimate, and at auction it would not bring that.

There is a strong sentiment for consolidation, and both synods seem to be convinced that this is the propitious time for it. If it is effected it may have a far-reaching effect in the work of the Lutheran Church and it is hard to estimate all the possibilities that are wrapped up in it.

It is possible that there may be a called meeting of the North Carolina Synod to consider this proposition. The Tennessee Synod's regular meeting is October 1 at Lincolnton, and strangely enough it is to be in the same church where the separation from the North Carolina Synod was effected in the year 1820, and the main thing at this next meeting will be the consolidation proposition—a plan for co-operation that has possibilities of extension in it.

Woman Hit by Lightning.

Wilmington, N. C., Special.—During a severe electric storm Thursday Miss Caledonia Rodderick was struck by lightning and her tight shoe torn to shreds. She was knocked unconscious, but examined later by a physician showed that no injury resulted other than the severe shock and a slight burn on her right foot.

Seyler Not Guilty of Murder.

Mays Landing, N. J., Special.—William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the Million Dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was Thursday acquitted. The jury was out a little more than five hours.

Sizzing Language.

Washington, Special.—"An ignorant ass, an unprincipled demagogue or the paid hireling of baleful influence" is the way William P. Hackney of Winfield, Kan., who testified Monday before the house ship subsidy investigation committee, characterizes every man in the United States who opposes the principle of ship subsidy.

Gifts Remain Presbyterian Forever.

Lewisburg, W. Va., Special.—Despite the protest that the action might hinder union with some other Church, the Southern Presbyterian Church in General Assembly here Monday, adopted an optional form of conveyance whereby future donors may be assured that their gifts will remain forever in that organization.

Loeb Gets More Weighers.

Washington, Special.—Authority was given Collector Loeb, at the Treasury Department, to hire twenty-four additional weighers Friday for the New York custom house. The force will be increased at once.