

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES IS THE KEYNOTE

President, in Special Message, Calls for Preservation of Resources.

READING HEARD BY BOTH HOUSES

Defends General Course of His Administration. Other Matters Discussed.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The president's message on the conservation of natural resources was read before both houses of congress today.

The message says: To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit herewith a report of the national conservation commission, together with the accompanying papers.

With the statements and conclusions of this report I heartily concur, and I commend it to the thoughtful consideration both of the congress and of our people generally.

The facts set forth in this report constitute an imperative call to action. The situation they disclose demands that we neglect for a time, if need be, smaller and less vital questions.

Immediate Action Needed. This first inventory of natural resources prepared by the national conservation commission is undoubtedly but the beginning of a series which will be indispensable for dealing intelligently with what we have.

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APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES AS RECOMMENDED

Naval Committee's Estimate of Expenses Approved by the Lower House.

EFFORTS TO CUT OUT BATTLESHIP CLAUSE

Debate Showed Members Entertain Little Fear of War With Japan.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—When the house of representatives today resumed consideration of the naval appropriation, the members were primed for the fight over the usual increase in the naval establishment.

Speaking in support of an amendment by Mr. Findley, striking out the battleship provision, Mr. Bartholdi, (Mo.) declared that if there ever was a time when such an appropriation was unwise and unnecessary it was now.

He declared that when the fortifications provided for had been completed in the Hawaiian Islands, these islands would be as impregnable as Gibraltar.

Continuing, Mr. Tawney said that there was no naval vessel afloat that could sail from Yokohama to the Pacific coast and back again with her own coal and such a fleet could not be supplied with enough coals to meet the requirements.

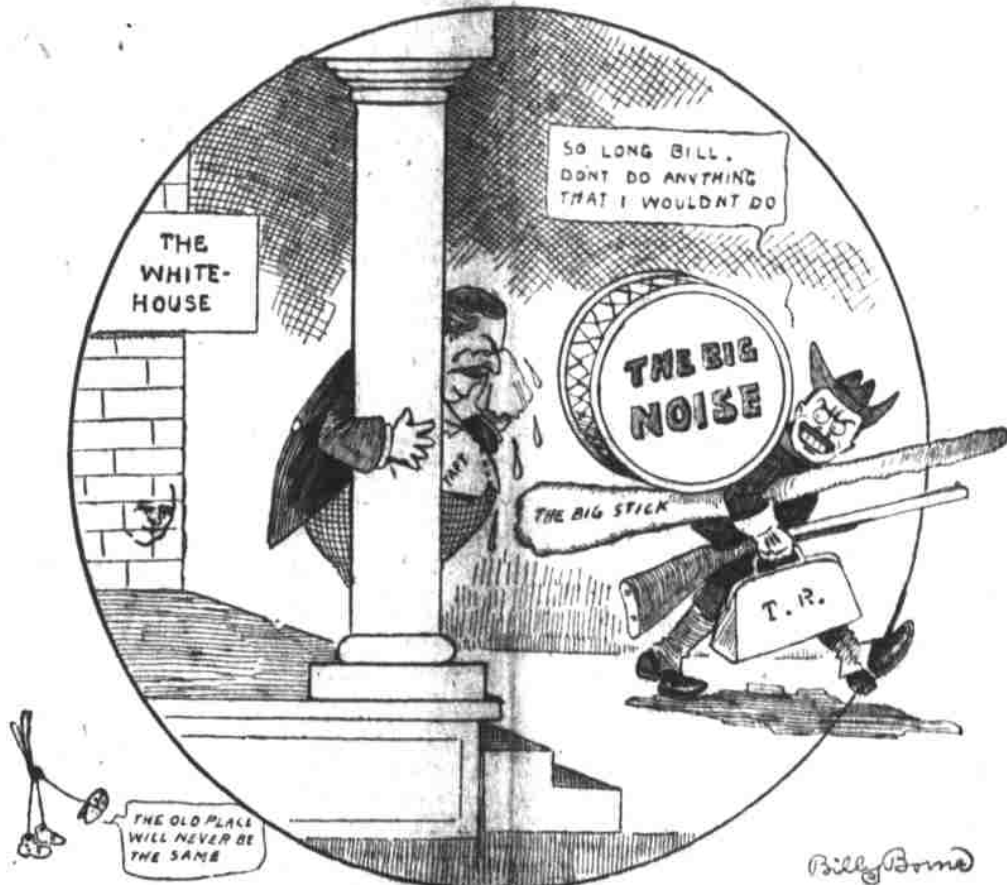
Mr. Burton, in opposing the naval increase, declared that no great contribution of the United States had ever been accomplished by a great navy. He instigated the securing of the door in China, which he said would have been menaced by sending battleships to the orient.

Mr. Cockran, of New York, expressed the view that it was impossible for any two races to live together on terms of equality.

ALLEGED WHISKEY LOBBY RESOLUTION

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 22.—By a joint majority vote the house of representatives today passed a resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged whiskey lobby.

Won't it be Quiet When Teddy Leaves?



TAFT TO LEAVE AUGUSTA FOR CHARLESTON

Will Go Aboard North Carolina and Start For Panama Monday.

LONG TALK WITH CANAL OFFICIAL

Knox and Hitchcock to Meet the President-elect in Charleston.

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 22.—Philander C. Knox and Frank H. Hitchcock, Mr. Taft's secretary of state and postmaster general, have been requested by him to come to Charleston for a conference Sunday.

Mr. Taft will terminate his stay in Augusta tomorrow evening, when he leaves at 8 o'clock for Charleston. That he has thoroughly enjoyed himself in Augusta was Mr. Taft's enthusiastic statement.

As the result of a long conference today between Mr. Taft and R. R. Rogers, law officer of the Panama canal commission, Mr. Taft said he had been put in possession in advance of information regarding all sorts of questions which were likely to come to his attention when he reaches the isthmus.

The trip to Charleston tomorrow will be made on a special train on the Southern railway. A stop will be made at Magnolia crossing, a few miles from that city, at 1 o'clock, which will allow Mr. Taft opportunity for a golf game with Mayor Rhet, Dr. Charles W. Kollock and E. W. Durant.

The Witwatersrand gold mine in the southwestern part of the Transvaal was flooded today and ten white men and 150 natives were drowned.

FAST TRAINS CLASH MANY ARE KILLED

Running at Terrific Speed Double-Header Ploughs Way Through Section.

WEAVER'S BILL IS PASSED ON BY COMMITTEE

Will Recommend Passage of Bill Requiring Firm to Be Filed.

BOUNDRY DISPUTE TO SUPREME COURT

House Passes Bill Authorizing Governor to Carry Matter Higher.

CUTTING DOWN OF \$10,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Cutting down the estimates nearly \$10,000,000 the house committee on appropriations today agreed to support the reductions bill carrying only \$7,920,111 for the next fiscal year.

PRINCETON ON FIRE

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 22.—Fire, which threatens to wipe out a large section of the town broke out shortly after 1:30 o'clock this morning in the Terminal restaurant.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL BILL IN SENATE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Extension of the Lincoln memorial bill was precipitated in the senate today when the Lincoln centenary resolution introduced by Senator Dick of Ohio was taken up for consideration.

Senator Carter offered an amendment merely committing congress to the construction of some suitable monument. Upon the adoption of this amendment he offered an amendment of the entire section which contained a provision for \$50,000 for the preliminary survey and plan for the "Lincoln Way" from Washington to Gettysburg.

OLD QUARREL ENDS IN A FRATRICIDE

(By Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 22.—William O. Bethea, a young white man, shot and killed his father, Geo. Bethea, late this evening, as the old man was entering the home of his daughter in the western section of the city.

COOPER JUROR INTOXICATED IT IS CHARGED

Motion of State That One of Six Jurors Should Be Eliminated.

NO OTHER JURORS CHOSEN YESTERDAY

Col. Cooper's Daughter and Neices and Mrs. Sharpe in Court.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 22.—The third day of the Cooper-Sharpe murder trial passed not only without securing another juror, but if the motion of the state be sustained, one of the six already chosen will be eliminated because he was intoxicated when he reported for service and was chosen. The state claims it had obtained knowledge of Juror Leigh's condition after it had accepted him, and the judge will consider the matter tomorrow.

When the six selected jurors were brought in, one of them, J. M. Whitworth, leaned forward and said to Judge Hart: "Judge, I've been used to my morning toddy for a good many years and I missed it powerfully this morning. Can't I get one every morning?"

"The constitution prohibits unusual or cruel punishments," remarked the court judicially. "Mr. Officer, see that those gentlemen who are sent to have a toddy get their toddy hereafter."

Judge Hart announced today that no sessions will be held on Saturdays. He believes the trial will progress more rapidly by giving the attorneys engaged one day in six to consult.

It became known this morning that Judge Allison of the chancery court, who was killed by Juror Whitworth's brother a few years ago, was the father-in-law of Attorney-General McCann, who is prosecuting this case. He stands very high in the community, however, and is regarded as one of the best men yet selected.

Mrs. Sharpe in Court. Mrs. John D. Sharpe was the only relative of any of the defendants in court this morning when proceedings began. Later Col. Cooper's daughter and nieces arrived and greeted their kinsmen on trial affectionately.

A little later the attorneys asked time for conference, and were granted 40 minutes. Judge Hart then suggested that the jurors retire to their room, where they could be more comfortable.

"Can they play cards?" asked the deputy. "Yes, and roll dice on the floor if they want to," retorted the court.

When the conference was ended the first surprise of the trial was sprung in the form of affidavits filed by the state attacking the competency of one of the six jurors already chosen. The document was offered by Attorney-General McCann, who said: "It has come to our attention that J. S. Leigh, the second man chosen, was drunk the day he was chosen and was drunk the day before. The law disqualifies any man who has been drunk at any time since the term of the court at which he serves has convened. We challenge him for cause."

Judge Anderson, for the defense, objected and asked time to examine the affidavits. This was granted by the court.

Judge Hart ordered the examination of the affidavits to proceed pending a decision on the competency of Juror Leigh.

The incident appeared to make the state attorneys more cautious, and they began to question prospective jurors so closely that the defense objected to "argument with witnesses."

Captain Fitzhugh for the prosecution, replied both that he must learn the disposition of witnesses before he could judge whether or not to accept him. Each man thereafter was asked whether or not he drank and whether or not he got drunk. One man said he drank often, but got drunk only when he had nothing else to do. He declared his last celebration was fully six weeks ago. He was rejected by the state.

Shortly after adjournment of court this afternoon Judge Hart became suddenly ill and a physician was summoned to attend him. Acute indigestion was the trouble and late this evening the judge was feeling much easier. Dr. W. G. Ewing thinks Judge Hart will be able to call court to order at the usual time Monday morning.

JAP QUESTION MAY BECOME A SERIOUS ONE

Action of the California Legislature is Now Anxiously Awaited.

PRESIDENT SEES GRAVE OUTLOOK

Mikado Will Regard Exclusion Law as Insult to the Japanese Nation.

(Special Correspondent of The Citizen) WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—With the making public of President Roosevelt's letter to the governor of California on the Japanese question, it is considered probable here in Washington that the vexatious Japanese emigration question will be opened anew on the Pacific coast. Discussion of the subject in any form, it is believed, will only add impetus to the agitation for an out and out exclusion law that has long been carried on by labor unions in California, Washington and Oregon cities.

Should the California legislature go ahead, in spite of the president's protest, and pass the anti-Japanese bills now pending before it, relations between this country and Japan would suddenly become one of the most discussed topics of the day. No one realizes the gravity of the situation more than President Roosevelt. He is perhaps a closer student of the situation than any official connected with the state department.

The writer has information from an authentic source that President Roosevelt believes the passage of an exclusion law against the Japanese would result in a break in the diplomatic relations between the two countries that could not be repaired short of a repeal of such a measure. With this conviction, his intense interest in the proposed legislation in California may be more readily understood.

President Roosevelt has never publicly expressed his real ideas relative to a Japanese exclusion law. His sentiments on the subject, as stated to members of the California delegation, would make some of the "yellow journalists" articles look cheap. In a few words, the president is satisfied the mikado meant what he said in declaring he would consider an exclusion law, if enforced against his subjects by the United States government, "an insult to the Japanese."

That is why the president assured Congressman Hayes of San Jose he would veto an exclusion law if one was passed.

The part President Roosevelt played in the temporary solution of the oriental school question that was a topic of wide discussion in 1906 was never fully known, inasmuch as the entire delegation that visited the chief executive on behalf of San Francisco's position in the matter was placed under a strict bond of secrecy before the conference began.

MUST PAY THE NEAR BEER TAXES

Indictment is Promised the Dealers in Georgia Who Do Not Pay.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 21.—Indictment under the provisions of the Georgia prohibition law is promised all near-beer dealers who by next Tuesday have failed to pay the state license tax on near-beer selling. This "big stick" method of collecting the tax is expected to bring every cent of such taxes into the county ordinary's office before the time limit is up.

Fred Haar, whose store was raided last night, was indicted today, and Judge Walter G. Charlton, in his charge to the grand jury declared that the recent appearance in his court room of a drunken juror proved that liquor was obtained within the vicinity of the court house, and urged the grand jury to get after those who failed to pay the near-beer tax.

permitted himself to have any ill-feeling. Schuetzler had been here but a day reaching the city aboard a steamer from Philadelphia early this morning. The shot that killed him was not heard by any one the traffic passing in the street in front of the church, drowning the report. The pistol the man knew was lying beside his knees as he knelt in a pew.

IN POSTURE OF PRAYER, MAN TAKES OWN LIFE IN CHURCH

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 22.—In a posture of prayer in St. Patrick's church here and with a bullet hole through the temple, the dead body of Otto Schuetzler, of Philadelphia was found today, several hours after the fatal shot was fired. Two notes were found, one bequeathing \$1 for St. Anthony's bread, and another expressing regret vaguely, that he had

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DROWN, RESULT OF FLOOD

(By Associated Press.) JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 22.—One hundred and seventy three persons are known to have lost their lives today as a result of the floods which are general throughout the Transvaal colony, and northern Natal. Great damage also has been done to property. By the bursting of Knight's dam,



WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy Saturday; unsettled weather Sunday; light, variable winds.