

'UNCLE JOE' HAS LIFE MORTGAGE ON THE THRONE

No Earthly Power Can Now Remove Him From the Speakership.

IS NOT, HOWEVER, THE CZAR OF OLD

Recent Bitter Fight Waged Against Cannon Has Had Its Effect.

BY TAV. (Special Correspondent of The Citizen) WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—"Uncle Joe" must stay. The republican party couldn't really get along without him. He knows how to organize committees and manipulate the rules in a way that is satisfactory to the railroads, the anti-saloon interests and other friends of the G. O. P. Therefore it has been practically decided that when President Roosevelt sweeps down and out March 4, and a number of prominent members of congress likewise bid adieu to Washington life, good old "Uncle Joe" will remain behind to "run things."

Fate has been lenient with "Uncle Joe." Just previous to the last national election he was being attacked from one end of the country to the other. Away out on the Pacific coast Everis A. Hayes was re-elected to congress by making anti-Cannonism his platform. Who would have guessed then, when a hundred newspapers and magazines were exposing one trick after another that "Uncle Joe" had perpetrated on the people, that he would out-survive Roosevelt and his old rival, Colonel Hoburn of Iowa? But both those gentlemen are on their way and "Uncle Joe" is still doing business at the same old stand.

It must be said Speaker Cannon stands better with congress today than he did a year ago. He is perhaps a little more lenient toward members not in his clique than he ever was before, particularly in trivial matters. "Uncle Joe" is a politician. He has been holding his ear close to the ground, and has not forgotten the lessons he has learned the hard way before the election.

There is no indication, however, that the speaker intends to transfer his affections from the special interests to the general public. There is no reason for believing he will not continue to appoint congressmen representing the railroad companies on the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, or representatives of "wet" districts on committees that will have before them legislation pertaining to prohibition, nor that he will permit any member that will not kill a bill that he does not like to be chairman of a committee.

In the years he has held the speakership "Uncle Joe" has served the interests faithfully and well, and so far no republican has dared ask for proof of this fact. "Uncle Joe" has steadfastly smothered bills unsatisfactory to various corporations, and is now preventing the postal bank bill from getting before the house for a vote. Because of making a reputation that is satisfactory to those big but unwise influences that wield such a power in the republican ranks, "Uncle Joe" is to stay. He is to get his reward.

The rules that make it possible for the speaker to block any legislation he may desire, no matter how popular it may be with the people, are alleged to be in great peril. As a bait for the followers of those members who were elected on anti-Cannon platforms, an "assault" is made about once a month. "Back home" the impression is expected to be that these "assaults" are terrible affairs, but they are really good natured and bloodless. Some time within the next two or three weeks the "assaults" of the house expect to pull off what they term a "connected" attack on the rules. The movement contemplates a sweeping change in the rules. The central idea is the appointment of the rules committee by vote of the house instead of its selection by the speaker as at present. The speaker himself is now chairman of the committee on rules.

GEORGIA JOURNALIST DEAD.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 10.—John Henry Eads, a well-known Georgia journalist, and founder of The "Sun" South, died today at Milledgeville, Ga., aged seventy-six.

HAINS' LAWYER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO FREE PRISONER

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, February 10.—A plot to affect the escape from the Tombs prison of Henry Mercer, who was extradited from California recently on charges of fraud, was frustrated today by District Attorney Jerome, who caused the arrest of Joseph A. Shay, one of counsel for Thornton J. Hains in the recent murder trial; Walter F. Peck, known also as Williamson, an occasional visitor to Mercer at the prison, and Peter J. Howard and John J. Molloy, keepers in the Tombs. Shay was released on \$1,000 bail, the charge against him being felony in assisting a prisoner to escape. The keepers were held in \$250 bail for violating the prison rule that all visitors must register.

GOV. KITCHIN AFTER TRUSTS IN A MESSAGE

Asks That Lawmakers Fulfill Party Pledges in Curbing Combinations.

NEW PRIMARY BILL IS PUT ON FILES

House Refuses to Elect the School Boards in the Various Counties

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, Feb. 10.—Governor Kitchin sent to the general assembly today his first special message involving any state policy of legislation. It urged upon the lawmakers the necessity, as he sees it, for amending the anti-trust act of 1907 along lines that will fulfill the pledges of the party in the Charlotte platform in this regard. The general tenor of his message is interpreted really to favor the Manning substitute for the Lockhardt bill carrying the famous "Sub section A" that constituted the "teeth" of the Reid bill as they were extracted by the 1907 legislature in passing the anti-trust legislation of that session. The governor urges an amendment that will make conspiracies to put down, and keep down, the prices of articles produced by the labor of others in this state criminal, and will prescribe adequate punishment. He also urges that there be machinery added to the present law that will clothe the attorney general with the power and duty of enforcing the law by securing evidence by the production of books and the examination of papers and witnesses prior to trial.

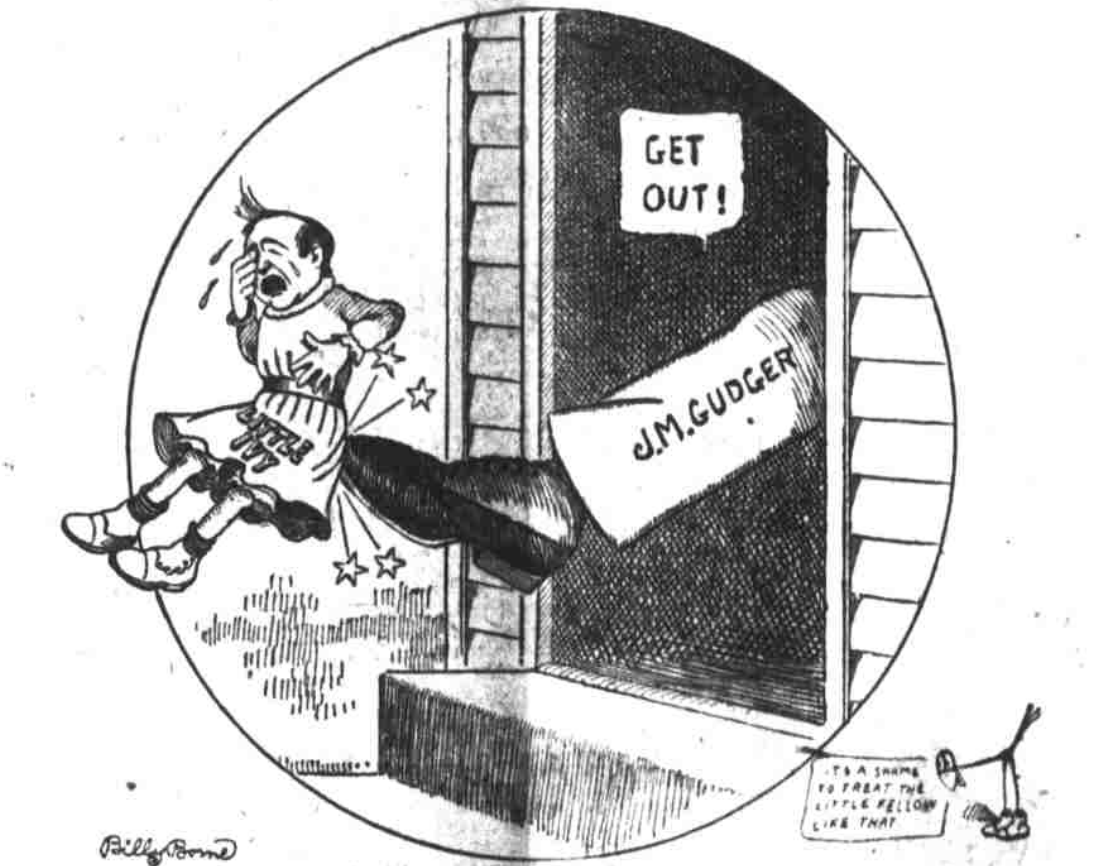
Oppose New District. The Barringer bill for the creation of a new judicial district out of Guilford and Alamance "squeezed" through the senate today on the narrow margin of two majorities, objection to the final reading forced the measure over until another day, and in the meantime the opponents of the measure, particularly those who believe that there should be no changes in the judicial system at this time save the provision for special forms that has passed both branches already will get busy with a view to killing the bill on final reading. It was a snap fight today. Senator Barringer putting up a stout defense of the measure, the general impression regarding which has been that it would be defeated.

New Primary Bill. Senator Elliott, of Catawba county, gave the senate a primary bill today as a sort of improvement, as he regards it over the Dockery bill for general primary law which is pending. Mr. Elliott's is a bill "requiring all political parties to select candidates for office on the same day." It requires that all political parties shall hold primaries, county convention or township or precinct meetings, as party managers may elect, on the same day, the first Thursday in June of election years, and not person not nominated in this way shall be eligible to receive the votes of electors at the ensuing election, the act not to repeal any county primary law now in force. It also makes any intentional slanders or libels against the character of candidates for office a misdemeanor.

Kill School Board Bill. Practically the whole of the longest session of the term in the house was occupied with the hot political debate on the Harshaw bill to elect the boards of education of the various counties by the qualified voters thereof. The bill was of course killed. The vote on roll call being 29 to 77. Those democrats, Messrs. Sconce, of Onslow; Morton, of New Hanover; and Stubbs of Martin, voted with the minority. It developed in the argument that some six counties in the state have already been granted this privilege. Democratic insistence was that legislative appointment assures a "state system of schools, with highest efficiency."

The Senate—Twenty-Ninth Day. The senate was convened by Lieutenant Governor Newland at 11 o'clock. Prayer by Senator Ormond. New bills introduced. Elliott: Incorporate the trustees of the McKinnis Grove African Zion M. E. church. Johnston: Authorize commissioners of Currituck county to levy special tax. Empire: Amend section 1884, revising. (Continued on page three.)

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Daily Service To And From Black Mountain Section Will Be a Great Accommodation To The Growing Settlements And Summer Visitors of That Locality

Asheville is to have a suburban train service provided this summer by the Southern railway. So great has been the development of Montreat and Blumont, and so great has been the increase in the number of summer residents there and at the rapidly growing places of Black Mountain and Swannanoa that a train service is to be maintained from early summer until into the Fall between Asheville and Blumont, 18 miles distant, to accommodate the Asheville travel. A train leaving Asheville at five o'clock in the afternoon and leaving Blumont at eight o'clock in the morning will be put on, thus encouraging people to have homes in the country and allowing the thousands of people who will be at the places named to spend practically all of a day in Asheville, bringing here, of course, a bountiful trade to the merchants.

President J. H. Tucker of the Southern Baptist Assembly, which controls Blumont, from General Manager C. H. Ackert of the Southern railway. It is decidedly one of the most important concessions affecting Asheville, which has ever come from the Southern, and the Blumont officials and the officers of the Merchants Association who have been exerting efforts for this train, are highly gratified and express their strong appreciation of the Southern's action. It is hardly realized here how great has been the development at Montreat and Blumont, the former the assembly grounds of the Presbyterian church and Blumont of the Baptist church. Not have our people any appreciation of the tremendous crowds which will be there this summer. All during the summer there will be different assemblies of the two churches at these places, including Bible study, Sunday school, etc., each lasting from ten days to two weeks. Furthermore, there is a strong reason for believing that the national B. Y. P. U. will hold its assembly there, either at its own grounds close to Blumont or if these are not ready, at Montreat. Mr. Tucker said last night that orders had been given for the construction of an auditorium at Blumont, and that work on this as well as on the many cottages of those who have purchased lots will begin as soon as the weather permits. The auditorium will be in the nature of an open air pavilion and will seat 1,000.

And there has been great development at Black Mountain, the station which serves Montreat, at Swannanoa, and all through that beautiful mountain country summer homes have gone up. Nor is the Southern Student conference assembly grounds to be omitted.

GOES TO DEDICATE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

President and Party Will Participate in Exercises in Kentucky Friday.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The president will leave Washington by special train at noon tomorrow for Hodgenville, Ky., to participate in the exercises in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. He will arrive at Hodgenville about noon Friday, and after the exercises at the Lincoln farm will return directly to Washington, reaching here about 1 o'clock Saturday. The party will consist of the president, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Secretary Wright, Secretary Loeb, Surgeon-General Rixey, Capt. A. W. Butt, T. H. Netherland of the executive office and G. T. Boyd of the Pennsylvania railroad. The program at the farm will consist of introductory remarks by Governor Folk, president of the Lincoln Farm association; laying the cornerstone and dedication of the farm; addresses by the president, Governor Wilson of Kentucky, Governor Folk, Gen. James G. Wilson and Secretary of War Wright, and will close with a benediction by Bishop Galloway of the M. E. church, South. On the return trip the president will make a brief stop fourteen miles east of Louisville, at the site of the new colored school connected with Berea college.

MADE COUNTERFEIT IN PENITENTIARY

Remarkable Condition of Affairs Revealed in West Virginia Institution.

(By Associated Press.) MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 10.—That counterfeiting has been practiced by prisoners in the West Virginia penitentiary was among additional charges filed tonight before the legislative committee investigating the institution by Delegate Moore. This charge was sustained by the testimony of Prison Guard Strader given tonight that several months ago he found a complete counterfeit kit in the cell of a prisoner named Jones, that half dollars were made with it by convicts, many of which had been circulated outside the prison, and that the convicts often made "off in" during games using the spurious coins. Moore is said to have some of the counterfeit coins in his possession. Moore also charged that tonight he found that clothing was removed from dead convicts, who were buried in the state, and that their burial clothes, paid for by the state, was again used to the state as new and given to new prisoners. George Chapman, convict, testified to giving Joe Howard, guard, \$50 to secure him a parole. When the present investigation came up, he said, the warden told him Howard had turned over \$15 to the prison's credit.

BRAVE RESCUE FROM FOUNDERED SHIP

Life Savers Take off Crew in Pounding Sea That Threatened Destruction.

(By Associated Press.) DELAWARE BEAKWATER, Del., Feb. 10.—The one-masted schooner Sarah W. Lawrence, from Newport News with a cargo of coal for Boston, was today blown around on the Hen and Chickens shoals off Cape Henlopen, Del. The crew of nine men and the captain's wife were rescued by the Cape Henlopen life savers. The schooner broke in two after the ten persons had been taken off. They were landed at Lewes, Del. The sea was running so high that it was impossible for the life savers to go to the assistance of the stranded vessel, and a tug was called upon to tow the life savers in a launch out to the schooner. The Cape Henlopen men risked their lives in putting their boat through the pounding surf, but they reached the schooner safely and just as the hull of the Lawrence became submerged. Those aboard were huddled on the fore-house of the sunk vessel. The sea was running so high that the hardy rowers were unable to get close to the crew, and life preservers and ropes were brought into use. The captain's wife was the first taken off, and it took several hours to effect the rescue of the others.

OLD MAN KILLS WIFE AND COMMITS SUICIDE

(By Associated Press.) NEWCASTLE, Pa., Feb. 10.—Peter Cupps and his wife were found dead in their home tonight when neighbors arrived in response to cries for help of Cupps' stepson, Clyde Warner, who ran from the house with blood streaming from a wound in his shoulder. Mrs. Cupps was seated in a rocking chair with a bullet hole in her forehead. Cupps was on a couch in an adjoining room, shot above the right eye, while his fingers still clutched a revolver. Warner stated that when he returned home from work Cupps was intoxicated and quarreling with his wife. He says he interfered to protect his mother-in-law. Cupps shot him through the left shoulder. After he ran from the house he says he heard two shots. Cupps was sixty years old.

THUNDER AND SNOW

(By Associated Press.) WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 10.—A thunder storm accompanied by a heavy down-pour of rain was the unusual mid-winter visitation here today. While lightning flashes were not visible, the thunder was deep and prolonged. Snow still covers the ground.

FIRE DESTROYS N. & W. OFFICE BUILDING

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 10.—Fire early tonight in the new office building of the Norfolk and Western railway company did damage that is estimated to be for \$50,000 to \$75,000. The flames started in the top floor and were confined mostly to that floor. The roof was burned clear and some damage done to the fifth floor. Valuable records were destroyed. It was believed the old building, a six-story structure would be destroyed, but it did not catch. The loss is covered by insurance.

WOMEN LIVE IN MORTAL DREAD OF 'STRANGLER' OF 'STRANGLER'

Unknown Monster In Human Shape Adds Another Victim to His List.

BODY OF GIRL IS FOUND IN CISTERN

Resembles London's "Jack, the Ripper," in Method of Execution.

(Special to The Citizen.) DAYTON, O., Feb. 10.—The city of Dayton is in the throes of terror caused by the continued operations of an unknown "strangler" whose murders of young working girls on a wholesale plan baffles all efforts of criminal experts. The list of victims now reaches a total of six, and the women of the city live in mortal dread of the unknown monster, whose crimes excel in gruesomeness the dastardly deeds of London's "Jack the Ripper." His latest victim is Lillian Polhart.

The Ripper preyed on the lowest class of unfortunate; the Dayton strangler finds victims among the working girls. The last two murders coming within two weeks, have thrown the city in a state of wild excitement. All the old stories of the Dona Gilman and the Anna Markowitz murders have been revived, and there is but one topic of conversation—the strangler.

When, in 1907, the negro, Layton Hines, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Anna Markowitz, it was hoped that Dayton had heard the last of the strangler who choked young women to death at twilight. Now that two more young women have fallen victims under circumstances that point to the same and, it is remembered that Hines as convicted on an alleged confession, which he has always repudiated, and the suspicion grows that the murderer of Mary Forscheimer is the same man who strangled Anna Markowitz and Dona Gilman. The police have theories, but Dayton believes the twilight murderer is still roaming about after dark.

Marks of the Strangler. On the morning of February 5 the body of pretty Mary Forscheimer was found in a deserted wagon shed on the outskirts of the city. On her throat were marks of the strangler—great purple welts and deep scratches—which were identical with the marks left on the bodies of Dona Gilman and Anna Markowitz. In each case the bones of the neck had been crushed and broken proving the murderer to have been a man of remarkable strength. As in the other cases, the body of the girl was fearfully bruised and the face disfigured. Mary Forscheimer was last seen alive when she left her home at 6:15 Saturday night. Her father had given her \$5 to deposit in a downtown loan association. The money was never deposited. When she did not return at midnight, her father became alarmed and aroused the neighborhood. With lanterns they searched every foot of the road, and at last found traces of a struggle in the grass near a fence. Large footprints were found in the field, and it was by following these that the searchers came at last to the body of the young girl. Two persons are supposed to have seen the stranger. Mrs. John Schaff, who lives close to the Forscheimer, got off a street car at 6:15, and discovered that a tall man was following her. She ran to her home and slammed the gate. The man ran after her, but turned back when she entered her home.

Heard Her Cries for Help. Fifteen minutes later Sam Morris, who owns the field in which the girl was murdered, heard a woman screaming for help. It was quite dark at this time, but as he ran down the road he saw a bundle inside the fence. As he ran toward it a man, sitting on the top rail of the fence, cursed him and ordered him away, threatening to shoot him if he came any nearer. Morris ran back to his home and returned with a shotgun. The man and the bundle had disappeared. This fixes the time of the murder at between 6:15 and 6:30.

GLENN DECIDES ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 10.—Former Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, will deliver a lecture in Augusta Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church on evangelic work. He will open a campaign of publicity in the evangelic work in the South, and his address is expected to carry with it many interesting features. Mr. Glenn's stand as a prohibitionist is quite well known in the South and his taking the platform in the interest of the evangelic work will create much interest.

MAKING WAY TO PUT SEN. KNOX IN HIS BERTH

Resolution Introduced to Reduce His Salary to Former Figure.

STILL SOME DOUBT AS TO LEGALITY

It is Promised That There Will Be No Increase After He is Fixed

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Following close upon the discovery that Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, could not without violating a provision of the constitution of the United States accept the state portfolio in the Taft cabinet, the senate today took prompt action to remove the constitutional objection. Senator Knox introduced a resolution which was referred to the committee on the judiciary, providing that the salary of secretary of state be reduced from \$12,000 to \$8,000, the figure at which it stood before it was increased, along with those of other cabinet officers, two years ago.

In view of this resolution Assistant Attorney General Russell, to whom the question was referred informally for an opinion, held that if congress restored the salary to what it was before Mr. Knox entered the senate "the case falls outside the purpose of the law and is not within the law."

Will Be No Increase. A Senator Hale, in discussing the situation, said: "It would be very serious if there were no remedy, but there is a remedy in a repeal of the law increasing the salary of the secretary of state, and it will be immediately applied. The portion of the law applying in the office of the secretary of state can be repealed by legislation, and as the law was never intended to apply in such a case as that of Senator Knox there is no doubt that a bill with this end in view will be immediately introduced and just as little doubt that it will be passed."

Senator Hale said there is no thought on the part of senators of increasing the compensation of the secretary of state after March 4, 1911, when Mr. Knox's term in the senate would have expired had he served it to its close. He said it is the purpose of Mr. Knox to serve throughout the four years of the Taft administration at a salary of \$8,000 per annum.

Still Some Question. The general consensus of opinion on both sides of the senate chamber was in accord with Senator Hale's view that the situation should be remedied by the repeal of the law in so far as it affected the office of the secretary of state, but there were a few dissenting voices on the democratic side. Senator Rayner, himself an eminent legal authority, after expressing both sides of the chamber, expressed the view that repeal offered the only feasible course out of the difficulty.

In the house there was general acceptance of the suggestion, but it was not accepted by all as feasible. Some members raised the question as to whether even after a repeal he would not be prohibited, inasmuch as the constitution forbids that appointment to an office the salary of which has constituted forbids the appointment term as a member of congress, nothing being said about the subsequent reduction of the salary.

DEATH AND DEVASTATION LEFT IN TRACK OF FIERCE WIND STORM

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—One man was killed, scores of people were injured, houses were demolished and many persons had almost miraculous escapes in a terrific windstorm which visited different sections of this city this afternoon. Robert G. Weightman was struck and instantly killed by a heavy timber blown from the roof of the Blockley Baptist church. A heavy steeple on the Roman Catholic church of Our Mother of Sorrows fell, endangering the lives of 150 children who attended the parochial school. Another narrow escape was that of Peter Maguire. He ran from his home to save a child who was being carried like a feather in the storm's path. Just as he left the house the building collapsed. The house next door had the roof blown off. The storm was at its worst in west Philadelphia, where

both of the above churches are located. The storm lasted only ten minutes, and was accompanied by heavy rains. NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 10.—One person was killed, another injured, possibly fatally, and serious material damage was done late today, when a wind of hurricane force struck this city. Roofs were torn off buildings, signs blown down and telegraph and telephone systems temporarily paralyzed. David H. Bowditch, sixty-five years old, was driving a wagon which was blown over and he was hurled to the pavement. He died shortly after. Samuel Gallico, sixteen years old, another driver, was caught under his wagon when it was blown over. Both his legs were broken and he was otherwise injured.