

STATEHOOD IS
NOW FAR FROM
REALIZATION

Powerful Interests Will Kill
the Bill in the Senate
Committee.

BEVERIDGE WILL
DECIDE ITS FATE

Railroad Combines and Other
Influences Have Reasons
for Fighting It.

BY TAV.
(Special Correspondent of The Citizen.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Which has the greater influence in the United States senate, a promise made to the people in the republican platform of the railroad interests?

PEOPLE TURN
OUT TO GREET
TAFT ENROUTE

As If He Were Campaigning
Again for Votes He
Didn't Get.

POSSUMS, FLOWERS
AND BONBONS MIXED

Gets Hot When He Talks
of Slanders of the Panama Canal.

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 13.—Flocking through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, just like campaign days, the president-elect had today the gratification which he evidently enjoyed in being heartily received by large and enthusiastic crowds who had not voted for him. He took numerous occasions to make his appreciation plain, at the same time leaving a touch of irony behind in the form of a rejoinder that his pre-campaign predictions had surely come true, and not only did the South seem willing to accept him as their president, but his greatest desire was to be the president of every man, woman and child in the nation.

There was one other burden on the Taft mind today—a desire to show his utter contempt for what he termed the baseless and hurtful criticisms of the work being done on the Panama canal.

Look for the Snail. The gentleness of the Taft smile may be seen in this sentence, which went home to the people of Hattiesburg, Miss. "I am delighted to look into your faces; delighted to say to you that I am an United States president and you cannot help it, and if ever an opportunity opens again to show, it will gratify me to come down here. I Hattiesburg, named after, I doubt not a beautiful woman, and say to the people of Hattiesburg, come up to Washington and we will give you the right kind of fellowship, and I should like to see you just as much of the white house and have as much right to call on the president, and indeed, on the woman who occupies it and runs it—as anybody."

The canal remarks of Mr. Taft were delivered with unusual manifestations of aggressiveness.

The Panama canal is going to be built, he declared, "and what I want you to do and what I want every American citizen to do, is to stand by the men who are building it. (Voices: We will do it.) Don't set a face to the rear, don't distrust the men who are giving it strength and courage. It is just that good, and through it I don't care whether you are democrats or republicans, you want the work done and when the army engineers who are doing the work are giving all their time to carrying out of this work. That work is being done honestly. I know what I am talking about. I know what the men of the United States want. I know what I am going to do and in so far as I have power, as the executive of this country, I am going to push that work and I am going to stand behind the men who are doing it. And no gentleman, you have gotten me fat here, but that is just as I expected, but I don't care very much for your welcome."

Ferried Possumms Loose.
There was a cordial loty taking in New Orleans this morning when the Taft party departed. When he returned the first crowd to greet the president-elect. Mrs. Taft took part in the demonstrations and was cheered by the people. Floral tributes, bouquets and two boxes of "Bill possumms" constituted the presentations of the day. The possumms were allowed to escape from their wooden crates and race to the woods at night fall. The two big demonstrations of the day were at Hattiesburg and Meridian, where at Birmingham tonight there was a tremendous crowd, which expressed its great enthusiasm at the report that Mr. Taft was able to make in the limited time at his disposal.

BANDITS HOLD UP PASSENGER TRAIN
SECURE \$35,000 WORTH OF BOOTY

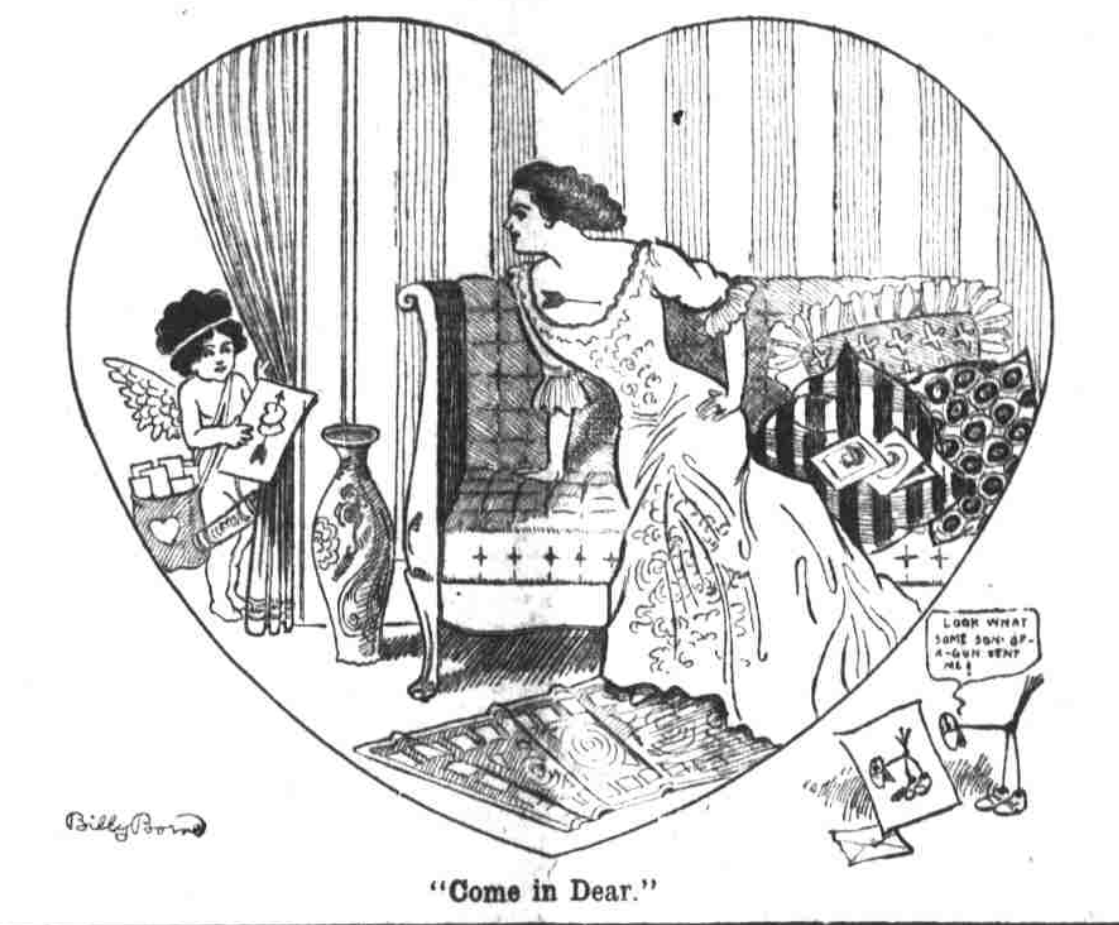
(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Feb. 13.—Hold-up of the Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 4 near Denver early this morning was the work of three instead of two robbers as at first was believed, and the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000.

Fusillade of Shots.
Search of the vicinity of the hold-up indicates that a third man and possibly a fourth were engaged in the robbery, that a rubber tired buggy was in waiting for the actual hold-up and that torpedoes and red signal fires were used unsuccessfully in an attempt to stop the train before the automatic revolvers of the two men on the engine tender succeeded in doing so.

Amid a fusillade of revolver shots from one of the robbers another forced the mail clerk to open the door of his car. The second robber then coolly searched every piece of registered mail in the car, threw the packages he desired into a sack and jumped off. At the points of revolvers the engineer, fireman, baggage-man and mail clerks were marched off the track a distance, then told to reback to their train. The robbers then disappeared with their booty.

Armed forces of deputies and squads of regular soldiers from Fort Logan and police are searching the country around Fort Logan and the foothills in search of the two bandits but no trace of them has been found.

St Valentine's Day



"Come in Dear."

DATE IS FIXED FOR
U. C. V. REUNION

To Be Held at Memphis
From June 8 to 10 by
Command of Gen. Evans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff William E. Mickle today issued from the headquarters of the United Confederate Veterans the following general order, by command of Gen. Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief:

The general commanding announces that, according to the custom heretofore in force, which leaves to the general commanding and the department commanders the fixing of the date of the reunion, the nineteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in the city of Memphis, Tenn., on June 8, 9, and 10, 1909, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, these days having been named by our host as satisfactory.

**FIVE INDICTED FOR CUTTING OFF
LAWYER'S BEARD**

(By Associated Press.)
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FIVE FIREMEN
KILLED UNDER
FALLING WALL

Disastrous Fire in Milwaukee
Kept Fatal to the Brave
Fire Lads.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 13.—Five firemen were killed and about a dozen injured, the fatality, by the toppling over of a brick wall while fighting a fire in the big plant of the H.W. Johns-Manville Manufacturing company, 227 Calumet street, this afternoon. An employee of the company received fatal injuries in his attempt to escape from the burning which resulted in his death at a hospital. The property loss is estimated at \$250,000.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
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MANIAC RUNS AMUCK.

PORT NORRIS, N. J., Feb. 13.—Infamed, it is said, by jealousy, Richard Donegan today shot and killed Joseph Somersfield and seriously wounded Mrs. Madge Kinkle, with whom he was enamored. The eighty-year-old son of the woman was also shot, but not seriously injured. Donegan fled, but was later captured in Bridgeton. Donegan said to the police that he had twice escaped from the state insane asylum at Norristown, Pa.

OFFICER MONROE
IS SHOT BY NEGRO

Wound is Probably Mortal.
Has Two Sons Living in
This City.

(Special to The Citizen.)
SALISBURY, Feb. 13.—Police Officer W. A. Monroe of Salisbury was shot and mortally wounded by Joe Jackson, colored, here late tonight. Jackson was beating his wife, when Officers Monroe and Siscoff were called to the scene on a dark street. Seeing the officers, Jackson ran and was pursued. He turned and fired, and Monroe fell with a bullet under his heart. He was carried to a sanitarium and his condition is decidedly critical. Jackson made his escape.

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RAIN

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Forecast for North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness in east, rain in west portion Sunday; Monday fair, colder in west, rain in east portion; moderate to brisk south to southwest winds.

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MEN WHO SLEW
CARMACK WILL
BE TRIED SOON

State Abandons Intention
of Challenging Jury-
men.

DIFFICULT TO GET
INTELLIGENT MEN

None Who Had Read Testi-
mony in Case Permitted
to Serve on Jury.

(By Associated Press.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 13.—On Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m., will begin the trial of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with slaying Senator E. W. Carmack.

After twenty days of wearisome jury drawing the decision was suddenly and somewhat unexpectedly reached this morning. When court adjourned yesterday the prosecution asked that the jury be not sworn until the state had a chance to investigate charges against two of the jurors. When court convened this morning Attorney-General McCarra made no reference to these charges, but simply said:

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ROBBED IN CHURCHES.

PENNSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 13.—W. L. Jones arrested here charged with robbing in churches, when confronted with thousands of dollars worth of stolen jewelry this morning confessed, implicating two other men.

TO PROBE DISPENSARIES.

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BILL FOR POLICE
COMMISSION IS
INTRODUCED

Representative Weaver Pro-
poses Measure for the
New Body.

MANNING'S BILL
TO PAY BONDS

Bill of Interest to the State
Physicians Will be Re-
considered.

(Special to The Citizen.)
RALPHIGH, N. C., Feb. 13.—Representative Weaver today introduced his bill to create the police commission for Asheville. If the bill passes a commission of five citizens will be appointed.

Bills passed the house relating to the boundaries of Barnardsville; special school tax district of Buncombe county; to regulate the fees of Madison county officers.

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THE SENATE—THIRTIETH DAY.

The senate convened at 11 o'clock, Lieutenant-Governor Newland in the chair. Prayer by Senator Lee of Wilkes county.