

THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN PACKED MEXICAN THEATER

FIRE CAUGHT FROM MOVING PICTURE MACHINE AND SPREAD QUICKLY, CATCHING A THOUSAND PEOPLE IN TRAP.

PERFORMANCE GIVEN IN HONOR OF VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE

Whole Families Are Wiped Out. The Dead Burned Beyond All Possibility of Recognition Are Buried by the City Authorities in Trenches.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many more were injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores theatre in the city of Acapulco last night.

The floor of the theatre was a wooden affair, and last night over 1,000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance, given in honor of Governor Damian Flores of the state of Guerrero who was visiting the port at the time.

Exits were blocked. There were but three narrow exits to the building and the panic-stricken audience rushed to these, many falling and being crushed to death, their bodies choking the way to escape to others.

PAYS \$50,000 FINE TO STAY IN STATE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—The ground that the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri has not complied with the order of the supreme court of the state in an answer filed this morning, Attorney General Major this afternoon filed with the court a suggestion that the order be made effective against the concern.

SENATOR CARMACK'S SLAYERS BEGIN FIGHT FOR LIVES TODAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—On the eve of the trial of Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharp for the slaying of former Senator E. W. Carmack, the factions are figuratively resting on their arms.



Senator Philander C. Knox Whose Way to Cabinet is Made Clear.

NAVAL BUDGET AROUSES FIRE OF CRITICISM

House Made Pretended Restriction With Dealing With Trusts.

MUST BUY POWDER OF THE OCTOPUS

Hale Defends Police of Giving Committeemen Navy Yards in Their States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The house prohibition in the naval appropriations bill that no part of the appropriation for powder should be paid to any trust or monopoly...

STORM SWEEPS ON LEAVING A PATH OF RUIN

Chicago and Middle West Suffered From Wind, Sleet and Snow.

IS FREEZING COLD AT NEW ORLEANS

Tornado Destroys Five Houses in Mississippi Town.

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POLICE BILL IS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Reported Favorably to the House and Will Pass That Body. IMPORTANT NEW MEASURES APPEAR Bill to Pay Solicitors Weekly Salary and Fees to Go to State.

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, Feb. 15.—The house committee on counties, cities and towns today voted to report favorably the bill introduced by representative Weaver of Buncombe...

Senator Harringer introduced in the senate today two notable bills, one making safe cracking in North Carolina a felony punishable by life imprisonment with sentence as low as ten years...

Senate Passes Refunding Bill. The senate passed on final reading the \$2,000,000 bond issue bill to refund the bonds falling due next year.

Representative Morton offered an amendment to the state prohibition law defining the percent of alcohol in non-intoxicating drinks that can be sold...

A bill by Speaker Graham would establish a drug commission and provide machinery for preventing the sale of adulterated drugs.

The bill carrying the changes in the state military laws desired by the North Carolina national guard association was introduced in the senate by Senator Scott.

After Mr. Morton had shaken his list in Mr. Underwood's face at the close of an hour and a half debate on the state drainage bill...

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OKLAHOMA TORM SWEEP. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 15.—A cold storm in southern Oklahoma today...

Favorably Reported. The house committee on counties and cities made favorable reports on the bill to repeal the charter of Oak Ridge...

Mileage Bill Today. Senators are anticipating a lively discussion tomorrow of the Harringer bill to make railroad mileage good on the trains...

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Forecast: North Carolina: Rain Tuesday, colder in interior, much colder at night; Wednesday, generally fair, colder in east portion; moderate to brisk southwest to northwest winds.

JUGGLE RULES TO GIVE KNOX CABINET JOB

Democratic Leaders Denounce Methods to Juggle Bill Through. FAILED TO PASS ON THE FIRST VOTE Has Passed Senate and Is Now Ready For Signature of President.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—By a vote of 173 to 117 the house today passed the bill removing the bar to Senator Knox's eligibility for the office of secretary of state...

Immediately after this result was announced the house committee on rules held a meeting, which resulted in Mr. Dinkell's bringing in a rule making it in order for the house to again take up the bill...

The opponents of the measure did not cease their antagonism, which on the previous consideration had brought out a number of sharp criticisms...

Mr. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, contended that the bill does not accomplish an evasion of the constitution.

Williams Denounces It. In the opinion of Mr. Williams of Mississippi, who opposed the bill, that was the only reputable authority...

Mr. Clark of Missouri, for the second time during the day, took the floor in opposition to the bill, and said that congress was making itself "the laughing stock of every man on the face of God's green earth."

In adding his voice against the bill, Mr. Campbell of Missouri, declared that it was a case of constitutional jugglery or legislative favoritism.

On a ye and nay vote the bill was passed 173 to 117.

NO INVESTIGATION. COLEMBIA, S. C., Feb. 15.—The state senate today killed the bill providing for an investigation of the county dispensaries by a vote of 15 to 12.

CROWD ASSEMBLING AT OLD POINT TO WELCOME FLEET FROM VOYAGE

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 15.—The advance guard of visitors en route here to view the notable naval demonstration of Monday next and to participate in the welcome home of the battleship fleet began to arrive today.

MAY LEVY TAX TO MAKE UP BIG SHORTAGE

Resurrection of War Time Bogey May Be Found Necessary. MR. ROOSEVELT'S TERM EXPENSIVE Deficit For the Fiscal Year May Run Close to \$130,000,000.

(Special correspondent of The Citizen.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Because of the unparalleled extravagance of the Roosevelt administration Uncle Sam will probably be forced to resurrect some war-time taxes to put the finances of the government on good footing.

During January the deficit was nearly \$16,000,000. This brings the deficit thus far in the fiscal year up to \$79,814,443.

The deficit for the present fiscal year threatens to run up to \$186,000,000, and the deficit of the next fiscal year, according to Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, will be very close to the sum of \$145,000,000.

It was at first rumored, and now it is being stated as a certainty, that the ways and means committee, which is in charge of the tariff revision, will ultimately have to recommend some and inheritance taxes in its report.

Representative Clark and his colleagues have been canvassing the situation with great care. If the ways and means committee fails to provide for the income and inheritance taxes the democratic leader will formally move a provision for such legislation be inserted when the matter comes before the house.

How To Tax Us. Here is the program that has rather definitely been worked out by the republican managers, to meet the revenue situation:

To impose a tax of 3 cents a pound on coffee, which it is estimated would produce annually approximately \$12,000,000.

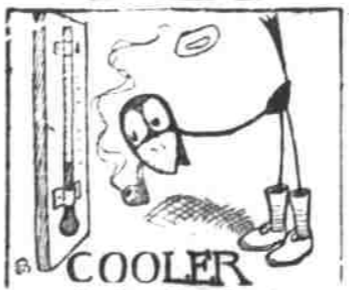
To impose a tax of 10 cents on tea, producing \$10,000,000.

To increase from \$1 to \$2 the internal revenue tax on beer, \$60,000,000.

Total increase in sight, \$97,000,000. The democrats believe the tax on the breakfast table is thoroughly unpopular with the country and wrong in principle.

On this issue the democrats are ready to meet defeat on the floor of congress.

Sperry's intention to bring the ship in the cape and past the president's yacht in two lines of eight ships each. The anchoring maneuvers after the ships pass the government pier probably will be the prettiest part of the fine spectacle.



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