

DEMOCRATS HAVE
GOOD CHANCE TO
CONTROL HOUSE

Heavy Expenditure of Republicans Brewing Revolt Against Party

HEAVIER OUTLAY IS STILL IN PROSPECT

Meanwhile the Treasury Deficit Is Constantly Mounting Upward.

(BY TAY.)
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Will the republican party be able to hold its majority in the sixty-second congress?

More than a few experts on national politics are answering this question in the negative. Some that held different views a few months ago now concede there is good ground for the growing belief among the democrats that they will dominate the congress to follow the one which goes into existence March 15. After that date the house of representatives will contain 219 republicans and 172 democrats, which gives the republicans a majority of 47. This, however, is a democratic gain of 10.

Because of the unduplicated wastefulness and extravagance of the sixtieth congress, coupled with its utter disregard of party promises and its abject indifference even to the consideration of legislation that was recommended either by President Roosevelt or the people, many believe the republican majority in the house of representatives will soon be a thing of the past.

This belief is strengthened by the probability that the sixty-first congress will make no better record than the one that has just passed on. The same leaders—Speaker Cannon, Daisel, Aldrich and Hale—will remain in charge of the national law-making machine.

And Still Will Spend.
It is certain the congress which comes in with Mr. Taft will go the sixtieth congress one better in the spending of public money. The first

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MAY TAKE UP OTHER
MATTERS BESIDES
TARIFF AT SESSION

Several Pledges of Party's Platform are Clamoring for Fulfillment

STATEHOOD AND THE GENSUS BILL WANTED

Will be Waiting Interval Before the Tariff Measure Is Ready.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—When congress meets on the fifteenth instant to consider a revision of the tariff, there will be no constitutional restriction upon the nature of business that may be transacted. It is generally conceded that at least two months will be required for the house to conclude considerations of all the schedules involved. The committee on ways and means will require considerable time to report the measure. After the bill leaves the house it will be in the hands of the senate committee on finance for some time before the debate begins. Then will begin a long wait by the house until the senate amendments are known and conferees appointed to bring about an agreement upon them.

In view of the period of inactivity that would face each house should nothing be considered except the tariff, many senators are considering the advisability of entering upon other legislation. The advocates of postal savings banks who were unable to secure legislation in the last session, believe there are abundant votes to pass such a measure and point to the last republican platform as giving proof that the majority in congress, as well as the president, is pledged to postal savings banks.

Advocates for statehood for New Mexico and Arizona do not desire to delay action until the regular session of congress because they fear the mass of legislation which will then come up will crowd their claims to the background.

The president's veto of the census bill makes mandatory some action to provide the enumeration of the thirtieth census

FIRST LADY OF THE
LAND ENTERS UPON
HER TRYING DUTY

Without Compensation She Must Order Her Household to the Nation's Glory

MILITARY ASPECT DONE AWAY WITH

Plain Footmen in Livery Replace the Officers and Policemen.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mrs. William Howard Taft, "first lady of the land," has assumed duties without public ceremony or oath of office, which, in weight of responsibility, magnitude of importance, delicacy of execution, and absolute lack of compensation, except in love for her husband, the president and loyalty to the nation as its first woman, have no comparison.

President Taft is charged under his oath with "executing the office of president." Mrs. Taft is charged, without oath, with administering the social and domestic affairs of the white house in a manner consistent with allowing that revered and historic pile to be the public property of the nation, and at the same time the official place of entertainment of the representatives of foreign nations and domestic dignitaries. Mrs. Taft will execute these requirements primarily by means of her long experience in public life. As the wife of Mr. Taft, she was "first lady of the land" in the Philippine islands; she was his wife as a federal judge and a cabinet minister. In the latter position, Mrs. Taft learned the requirements of Washington society. Mrs. Taft is today in full possession of the detailed requirements of her position, and is already making the minor changes in the administration of the executive mansion necessary to meet her own ideas.

Officers Are Banned.
The addition of the executive office building permits of one entire vice-president from the white house property

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Some New Bait Might Help



KENILWORTH INN LEASED
TO MRS. ANNIE D. MARTIN

She Will Take Possession of the Hotel at Once and Move Her Guests Into It From Victoria Inn. Will Also Open Mountain Meadows Soon.

Mrs. Annie D. Martin has just closed a lease for Kenilworth Inn. The negotiations which she has carried on for some time with Senator Joseph Gazzam have just been concluded on such terms as will insure the revivifying of the beautiful old inn on the hill which has done much in the past to make Asheville famous.

Mrs. Martin also announces that she will manage Mountain Meadows Inn during the coming season. With two such hotels in such capable hands, there is promise of a better season for Asheville this year than it has seen for several years.

As proprietor of Victoria Inn for the past several years Mrs. Martin has made that hotel one of the most popular in the city. The recent sale of that property to P. H. Branch, and the termination of her lease are her reasons for leaving it to take up the management of Kenilworth.

Mrs. Martin will take with her to Kenilworth about fifty guests who are now with her at Victoria, and she will begin transferring them to her new hotel today. Although her lease on Victoria does not expire until April 1, she will at once take possession of Kenilworth in order to be in readiness for the spring travel. Mrs. Martin has already made numerous bookings for the spring season, and she has every prospect of being able to restore the splendid old chateau like inn to something of its former glory.

She has not yet fully matured her

plans for the season, Lynn Hahn, who has been manager of the hotel for some time past will remain with her for a while and until she can make permanent arrangement for her office force.

Mrs. Martin plans to provide the characteristically southern entertainment at Kenilworth which has made Victoria famous, and in addition will add many new features for the entertainment of her guests. The splendid grounds and ample facilities of Kenilworth will give room for the display of her talent as one of the most successful hotel managers in the state.

Mrs. Martin will open Mountain Meadows Inn for the reception of guests sometime between the middle of this month and the first of April. Her successful conduct of this cozy little hotel a year or so ago is sufficient proof of her ability to manage a mountain retreat.

When Mr. Branch, the owner of Victoria Inn, was asked last night as to the future management of the inn, he stated that he had bought the hotel with the intention of running it for himself in connection with Margo Terrace, and this he will do, but to make public his future plans, the present time he is not prepared

LT. COMMANDER REID
LEAPS FROM WINDOW
WITH SUICIDAL INTENT

Was Ill in Hospital and Sent Nurse Out Before Committing Deed

INJURY MAY BE FATAL

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Lieutenant Commander James H. Reid, United States navy, today leaped from a second story window of the naval hospital, where for two weeks he has been under treatment and was seriously injured, if not fatally injured.

Lieutenant Reid sent his nurse from the room to procure a glass of water. The attendant had hardly left the ward before the officer barricaded the door tightly. Then seizing a heavy oak table he rammed it against the window sash, tearing it from its fastenings. Reid took a running jump and dived headlong from the window, striking upon his head on the ground thirty feet below. The attending surgeon discovered that aside from lacerations of the face and head, the officer had suffered a serious fracture of the collar bone and concussion of the brain. Reid is thirty-five years old, a native of Baltimore, and received his appointment in the naval service from the state of Maryland. He has been on sick leave since October, 1907.

MAJOR GIBSON DIES.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—Major Fenton W. Gibson, for the past eight years surveyor of customs of the port of New Orleans, died at his home here today. He was a native of Texas and sixty-three years old at the time of his death.

"SIX WEEKS" FIT TITLE
FOR REPORT ON HOMES

Copies Have All Been Gobbled Up Since Senators Asked to Have It Excluded From the Mails For Indecency.

(Special to The Citizen.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Now that Mr. Roosevelt is safely away from Washington politicians and society and openly laughing over the report of his homes commission which Senator Tillman asked to have excluded from the mails on the ground of its obscenity, copies of it are very scarce for they have all been snapped up by inquisitive statesmen, who have heard that it is indecent, are feverishly galloping through pages in search of the juicy bits of impropriety that are said to exist there.

It wasn't fifteen minutes after Senator Tillman had jumped on the document as unfit to go through the mails, till members of both sides of the rotunda were deeply immersed in the book. The supply was exhausted, and the demand had become incredible. If nobody had said anything about it, there never would have been a run on the document room. Outwardly the report looks harmless enough. But it's a stem-winder when you get into the plot of it—so say the statesmen who have read enough to be satisfied that their worst fears are justified, and who refuse to loan their copies till they can read more, in the hope of being further shocked.

MORE SENSATIONS
ARE IMPENDING IN
THE COOPER TRIAL

Warrant of Arrest for Perjury of Prominent Defense Witness

BRIEF SUMMARY OF STATUS OF THE CASE

Irreconcilable Contradiction in Some of the Most Essential Details.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 7.—It is not improbable that before the arguments begin tomorrow in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack, another arrest for perjury will be made on the authority of Attorney General McCann. This time the accused will be a man of prominence whose testimony was flatly contradicted by a half dozen people of unimpeachable character. The state's attorneys spent the entire day reading the transcript of the testimony and preparing their notes for the arguments. They also divided the testimony into three sections so that there will be no time wasted by duplicating their arguments.

The attorneys for the defense were equally diligent and it was late tonight when they left Judge Anderson's office for a final consultation at the jail with the defendants.

Judge Hart has asked counsel on both sides to submit to him such instructions as they wish to reach the jury. The attorneys have been busy upon this task for several days and will complete it tomorrow. The judge has prepared the statutory charge required by law, which defines the different degrees of murder, explains what is necessary to constitute each and what the punishment may be.

Judge Hart is as famous for short charges as he is for never being reversed in the supreme court; and he has stated that this charge will be as brief as is compatible with the many and varied issues developed in the trial.

The two points in this case, which will be the subject of fiercest attack and defense will be the question of who fired the first shot and the question what were the Coopers doing on Seventh avenue, the street which Senator Carmack had to traverse and about the time he was wont to go to his apartments.

Mrs. Charles Eastman who is the only witness to the shooting aside from the principles affected, and over whose shoulder, practically, the shots were fired, has sworn positively that Senator Carmack began to fall from the bullet wounds which killed him before he had his revolver fairly drawn. On the other hand Colonel Cooper and Robin swear that Carmack fired first, and was preparing to fire again when Robin began to work the deadly automatic pistol. The defense built up a strong excuse for the presence of the Coopers on Seventh avenue on the afternoon of November 9. It proved by Judge J. C. Bradford, Adjutant General Tully Brown, Governor Malcom R. Patterson and both the Coopers that as the Coopers left the Bradford office a few minutes before the tragedy and after the memorable conference at which Colonel Cooper agreed to drop the quarrel or leave its settlement to

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LEGISLATIVE SCROLL
WILL BE ROLLED AND
SEALED AT NOON

Session Productive of Mass Local Laws, But Did Little Harm

TOKENS EXCHANGED

(Special to the Citizen.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 7.—It's practically over—the biennial agony of sixty days' lawmaking. The legislature of 1909 has written its scroll of history and nothing is left to do but put on it the great seal of the state. This will be done by noon today, when, in pursuance of the resolution adopted Saturday the legislature will adjourn sine die.

Editorial comment on the work of the session has generally been of approval, more perhaps for the things that have been left undone than for the things done. At any rate there is no prospect of long, expensive litigation with railroads or with any other important business interest of the state as an aftermath of the session.

The usual exchange of felicitous speeches accompanied by the presentation of gifts to the presiding officers and employes took place Saturday, so all that is left to do is to clean up the debris of the session and get away. There is no danger of a reconsideration of this resolution, for the legislators get no pay for the session today.

The bill by Senator Ormond to amend the constitution so that the general assembly might be relieved of the mass of little bills creating municipal and other corporations and amending such charters, was put on its readings with favorable report from the committee. The bill requires three-fifths vote of the senate, and failed by two votes to get this. The roll call showing a vote of 28 to 7. Therefore all this small grist must continue to be ground at the state's mill.

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RAILROAD MEN FIND
Y. M. C. A. IMPORTANT
FACTOR IN EFFICIENCY

President Finley Says They Are As Necessary As Good Road Bed

NO PARING AS TO THEM

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Impressed by the benefits derived by its employes from the work of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, the management of the Southern Railway company proposes to continue the policy which it has pursued in the past of co-operating with the branches of this association along its lines.

Speaking in particular for the company which he represents and in general for the railroads of the entire country, President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway, declared today in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, that the work done by the Railroad Y. M. C. A. is just as important an economic problem in railway management as that of the maintenance of the roadbed, the provision of trackage, terminal facilities and equipment.

"We have aided in the gradual development of the Young Men's Christian association work, with special reference to the needs of particular localities," said Mr. Finley. "As time goes on, we hope to aid in the expansion of the work on our lines, and I am sure that I speak for practically all of the railway managers of the country when I say that we heartily welcome the Young Men's Christian association in the railway field and wish it Godspeed in its good work."

Both Are Benefitted.
President Finley himself has watched the growth and work which has been done by the Railroad Y. M. C. A. along his line and along other lines, and has come to realize the importance of this work in improving the personnel of the employes of the company. He said that he has found that those employes who spend their lay over time at the Y. M. C. A. return to their work in good physical condition and with a clear head, and that both the men and company by which they are employed are benefited thereby. He expressed the belief that no other work done by the association exceeds in importance that done in the railway field.

MYSTERY SHROUDS THE
FINDING OF BODY NEAR
ALEXANDRIA STATION

Motive For Killing is Not Known. Money Found in His Pockets

HIS SISTER IS FOUND

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The body of a well-dressed man, partially covered with snow and with a ragged wound in the neck was today found near Alexandria, Va., a short distance from Washington. In the pockets of the clothing were a traveler's check for \$200 issued by the Wells Fargo Express company at Los Angeles, Cal., payable to Walter F. Schultz, a card bearing the same name but with an address of 1214 Douglas street, Sioux City, Iowa, and another card which bears the name of Mrs. Alma Hume Gillette.

The police regard the case as one of cold-blooded murder and as one of the most mystifying crimes ever committed in this section. A motive for the murder is lacking, and the identity of the man supposed to be Schultz is by no means complete. Cards and other papers found in the victim's clothes are believed to have been placed there by his slayer.

The theory that it was a suicide is not credited, because of the peculiar character of the wound and the fact that no weapon was found near his body. The police do not think robbery was the motive, as \$28 in cash and a gold watch were found in the victim's pockets.

SISTER IS FOUND.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 7.—Walter F. Schultz, the victim of the mysterious murder at Alexandria, Va., has a sister living in Sioux City. She is Mrs. Almora F. Gillette, of 1214 Douglas street, her husband being a purchasing agent for Armour and company. Mrs. Gillette's given name is Ellen Dorothy. She has been prostrated by the news of the fate of her brother. Schultz never lived in Sioux City but made his headquarters in Chicago where his parents still live. He was an artist and has been traveling for his health. He was in Washington for the inauguration. Mr. Gillette tonight wired the chief of police of Alexandria to hold the body for further instructions. Mrs. Gillette will go to Chicago to break the news to her parents tomorrow. O. F. Schnitz is the father of the murdered man.

TWO HOMICIDES WITHIN
WEEK IN MADISON CO.

Zeb Brooks Killed in Row Between Charley Bryan and Wife.

(Special to the Citizen.)

MARSHALL, N. C., March 7.—Charley Bryan shot and killed Zeb Brooks last night near this town. Brooks and Bryan lived in the same house. All the parties were drinking. Bryan and his wife got into a row, when Brooks interfered, using a banjo as a weapon. Bryan took his wife and went to Jack Caldwell's. Brooks followed him into Caldwell's house, at which time Bryan killed him with a shotgun. Bryan gave himself up to the officers today.

News has just reached here that W. M. Anders, a prominent citizen of this county, was shot from ambush and killed by Elfus Pate last Wednesday. The killing was near the state line. Anders had made a presentation before the grand jury here on last week against Pate. Pate is still at large.



WASHINGTON, March 7.—Forecast: North Carolina—Rain Monday and Tuesday, colder Tuesday, increasing easterly winds.

PINSON MURDER TRIAL
OPENS AT LAURENS S. C.

Result of Tragedy of November in Which Prominent Families Mixed

(By Associated Press.)

LAURENS, S. C., March 7.—In the court of common pleas tomorrow will be arraigned young Wade Gotran Pinson on the charge of killing his friend Thornwell Boyce, both of Cross Hill, this county, on the morning of November 7 of last year. Pinson, Boyce and Miss Mary Brown were riding together in a buggy on the way home from a party and the tragedy occurred about one o'clock in the morning.

It is recalled that at the inquest Miss Brown testified that Pinson drew his pistol and exclaimed: "I am going to shoot like hell," and fired twice, one shot taking effect in the back of Boyce's head, who was at the time sitting on Pinson's lap. All the parties concerned in the case are of prominent families and the case promises to be the most sensational in the history of Laurens.

NIGHT RIDER BREAKS
JAIL AT DRESEN

(By Associated Press.)
UNION CITY, March 7.—Hirschel Hogg, a confessed member of the bank of "night riders" who murdered Capt. Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log in October, escaped from jail at Dresden last night and has not been recaptured. He is supposed to be in hiding in the lake regions. The military at Fort Regan has been notified and are instituting a vigorous search for the fugitive.

While Hogg was held a close prisoner by Sheriff C. A. Brasfield, he had recently been accorded the liberties of a "trustee" and it is believed that he was implicated in an attack made on Sheriff Brasfield Saturday night by a negro prisoner