

CHAMP CLARK, MAN FROM MISSOURI IS NAMED SPEAKER

Nominated by Acclamation at The Democratic Caucus Last Night

IT MEANS EARLY ACTION ON TARIFF

Committee on Ways and Means Also Selected Without a Hitch

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the democratic leader of the house and receptive candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency, was tonight nominated by acclamation for speaker of the house in the 62nd congress. This, with the selection of a committee on ways and means to make an early preparation of tariff legislation upon the beginning of the next session in December, when the house becomes democratic, was one of the features of a caucus of the democrats—the old and new members—of the next congress held in the hall of the house at the capitol tonight.

About 210 democrats were present. Mr. Hay of Virginia presided and Mr. Ashbrook of Ohio was secretary.

Francis Burton Harrison of New York called the attention of the caucus to the fact that the name of Theron Akin, representative elect from New York had been called twice in the opening roll call. Mr. Harrison announced that he had been informed that Akin had declared that he would not enter the caucus tonight and that Akin said he would vote with the republicans. Mr. Harrison therefore asked that Akin's name be stricken from the roll of democrats.

Mr. Clayton, who was the regular chairman of the democratic caucus, gave up the chair to Mr. Hay of Virginia, and made a speech. He said: "It has been suggested that the first important duty which will confront us in the next house of representatives will be the consideration and passage of tariff legislation—democratic legislation—not measures prepared by the beneficiaries of protectionism or formulated according to the dictation of selfish and special interests, but such legislation as will show a proper regard for the tax payers."

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DEMOCRATIC MEMBER DECLARES THAT CAUCUS WAS REALLY A 'FRAME UP'

Choice Line of Endearing Terms Bristles in Every Sentence of Letter

'A CRUEL MOCKERY'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Something of a sensation was created in the house today when an open letter of Representative Dies of Texas, a democrat, attacking tonight's caucus and dubbing it a "cold deck for the coming caucus, a feast of state dishes," was read by Representative Calder, a New York republican. An effort was made by Representative Heflin of Alabama to head off the reading of the letter but without avail. The letter denounced the caucus as a "frame up" and the democrats who supplied bowed down before these self sustained successors of Cozart as "fellow worms," as "Catalines incog," and declared that the handful of men who framed up the committee rewards were "early birds, Catalines in miniature, usurpers and conspirators" who "impudently stuck this cut and dried slate" before the noses of gentlemen. The letter held that it was cruel mockery to summon the new members to Washington merely to vote as they were told. "Worms inclined to turn will have an opportunity at the caucus," read the letter which added that the symbol of union "would be a ring in the nose."

JEWISH FUND WAS QUICKLY RAISED

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—One hundred and one thousand dollars toward a proposed \$150,000 fund for building new departments at the Hebrew Union college at Cincinnati was subscribed today just before election of officers and adjournment by the twenty second council of the union of Hebrew congregations. In addition Jacob H. Schiff subscribed \$5,000 for the extension work of the schools and synagogues of the union congregations and agreed to pay similar amount to the work annually.

OVERMAN SCORES DEFAMERS OF THE N.C. MOUNTAINEERS

Declares That The Reports Sent in By Government Agents Were Vile And Obscene.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—That Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, has suppressed much of the reports of agents of the labor bureau because of their revelations concerning the private lives of people in North Carolina and other southern states was asserted in the senate today by Senator Overman. He stated that some of the reports were so revolting in character that, if printed the law prohibiting the circulation of obscene literature would prohibit their transmission through the mails. The statement was elicited in connection with an inquiry from Senator Beveridge as to the publication of the investigation into the employment of women and child labor made a few years ago by the bureau of labor.

Responding to Mr. Beveridge, Senator Smoot, chairman of the committee on printing, said that owing to the extended length of the report publication would necessarily be postponed until the middle of the summer. He said that the report would cover twenty volumes. Mr. Beveridge expressed impatience over the delay, and while he was engaged in a colloquy with the 16th senator Mr. Bailey interrupted with the observation that if the information coming to his ears was correct the report should never be published.

It was at this juncture that Mr. Overman made his statement concerning the course of Secretary Nagel. "I heard of the vile character of some of these reports," he said, "and went to Mr. Nagel about them. He told me that the revelations were such that he had felt called upon to suppress them. It would seem that some of the agents had gone into the mountains and had taken it upon themselves to investigate the private affairs of the people when the law authorized an inquiry only into labor conditions."

"Just so," commented Mr. Bailey, "whenever we allow one of these meddlesome officers to get their noses into the front doors of the homes of the people they are apt to go farther than they should."

"The people of North Carolina," said Senator Overman, "have been reviled by men and women who ought to know better, but when we send these hyenas, paid by the government, into the homes of our mountain people, to spy the hourly life of the people, I say that the limit of patience has been reached. The

publication of these reports, exaggerated and untrue, would be giving circulation to vile slanders on my people. They ought to be suppressed and must be suppressed."

RICHMOND HOLDS LEE CELEBRATION

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 19.—With weather conditions perfect except for the tang of winter in the air and the frost under foot, Richmond today celebrated the birthday of Robert E. Lee. The observance of the day was perhaps more general this year than ever before. All state and city officials suspended or partly suspended business, and all the banks observed the legal holiday. The big public feature of the celebration was a military and civic parade this afternoon. In this the Richmond light infantry blues, the Richmond Howitzers, the Richmond battalion of the first Virginia regiment, the two local camps of United Confederate veterans and the sons of veterans took part.

MOTIONS TO QUASH

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Motions to quash the indictments against them were made in the Federal District court by the packers under indictment here today. The packers set forth that the "immunity bill" administered in 1906 by Judge Humphreys still holds good and that no action of their prior to that year can be used either as an explanation or evidence in the present case. On these grounds the packers allege that indictments drafted against them were illegally

BROKE RECORD

DOUAL France, Jan. 19.—Louis Bregt, the French aviator, broke the world's speed record for a monoplane with a passenger today. He made a flight of fifty kilometers (31 miles) in 34 minutes and 54 seconds, and one hundred kilometers in one hour, nine minutes and 28 seconds.

OPENING GUN IS FIRED IN THE FIGHT FOR THE FORTIFICATION OF CANAL

Hobson, "The War Lord", Declares U. S. Should Fortify Panama

CONFLICTING VIEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The opening gun in the fight for the fortification of the Panama canal were fired and war talk held full sway during the first two hours of the session of the house of representatives today, although the postoffice appropriation bill ostensibly was under consideration. Representative Reifer, of Ohio, spoke in favor of the neutralization of the canal. He was replied to by Representative Hobson, of Alabama. General Keifer declared that the fortification of the canal would be an act of war and a violation of all the treaties affecting the waterway. Mr. Hobson said that in the stress of war the stronger power always sets treaties and international law at naught. General Keifer declared that there could be no peace footing on the Isthmus if the canal were fortified. It would be necessary to keep a war force there at all times. Mr. Hobson said he could not understand how any American was willing to say that this nation was too weak to protect a waterway which wholly an American proposition and which, if neutralized, would lay the west coast of both North and South America at the mercy of European nations.

ENDORSE ALDRICH PLAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The national board of trade today substantially endorsed the principles of the Aldrich plan of monetary reform by adopting the resolutions offered by the chamber of commerce in the state of New York. The Merchants' association of New York and the New York produce exchange recommending a "central banking organization." Tentative plans were drawn for a monetary league of business men to be organized by the national board.

SUPREME COURT TAKES A PEEP AT THE BOSTON VARIETY OF 'TRUSTS'

Would Ascertain If It Comes Under Provisions Corporation Tax

HOLDING REAL ESTATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Boston variety of "trusts" was subjected today to the scrutiny of the Supreme court of the United States in order to ascertain if it came within the corporation tax provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act of 1909. Its consideration followed immediately after the conclusion of the oral argument of the constitutionality of the tax included in fifteen different cases before the court.

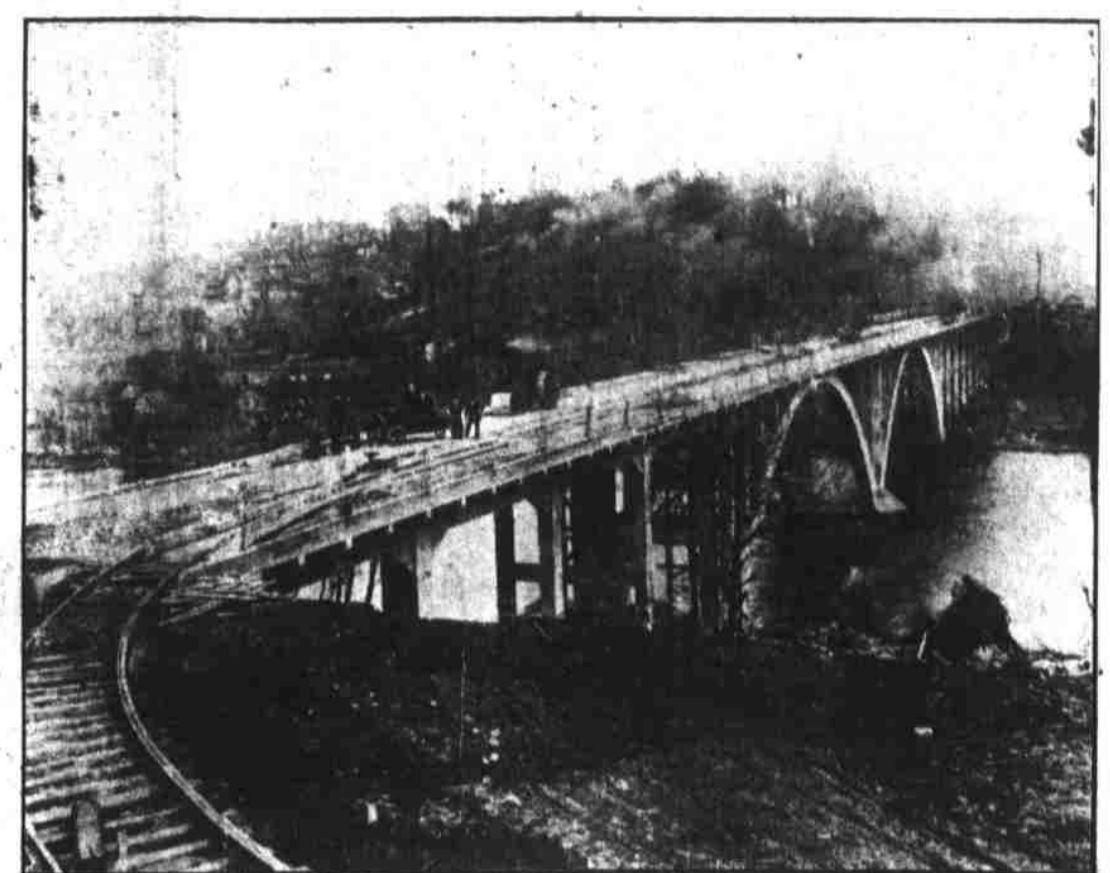
The "trust" question was raised by beneficiaries of the Cushing real estate trust and the "department store" trust of Boston. The beneficiary in the latter case was the Maine Baptist Missionary convention. The court was told by Morefield Story and Burton E. Amos, who argued the cases, that under the laws of Massachusetts corporations cannot be organized for the expressed purpose of holding real estate. Hence persons desiring to associate together in purchasing real estate had formed a joint fund and put the legal title to the property purchased in the hands of trustees.

It was claimed that these trusts were not within the meaning of the words "corporation, joint stock company and association," as used in the corporation tax provisions. It was further contended that they were not "organized under the laws of the United States or of any state or territory."

MYSTERIOUS DEATH

FT. MYERS, Fla., Jan. 19.—H. Stewart Bosenquet a member of a distinguished English family, and a man of considerable wealth met death here in a mysterious manner several days ago, his body being found today just off the railroad docks in about ten feet of water. When found the body was in an upright position against some piling. The general belief is that he fell overboard while in a fit.

The New West Asheville Bridge.



NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE TO WEST ASHEVILLE NOW ALMOST FINISHED

Magnificent Structure Spanning The French Broad Enduring Specimen of The Engineer's Art.—Expected to be Officially Opened Early Next Month.

Linking the city of Asheville to West Asheville in closer union than they have ever been before, the new concrete bridge which spans the French Broad, and which was ordered by the county of Buncombe during the administration of Mr. J. E. Rankin, is practically completed. Only a part of the side railings remaining to be erected. The street car tracks of the Asheville Electric company already cross the bridge and are steadily moving forward to their Asheville terminus Jarret's store. The bridge as it stands today, designed and erected under the personal supervision of Mr. C. E. Clarke, of C. E. Clarke & Co., bridge builders of Baltimore, Md., is a veritable triumph of the engineer's art and it will stand for generations. Mr. Clarke assumes all responsibility for the strength of the design and the strength of the construction, until finally accepted by the county.

The bridge has 14 spans on the east approach, the largest of which is 60 feet, and it covers four tracks of the main line of the Southern railway. These are followed by two great arches, 150 feet each, spanning the French Broad fifty feet above the surface of the water. The west approach is composed of four spans leading into what is known as the "Tabaccoeaten Landing." The total length of the bridge is 900 feet with a roadway of 30 feet, and a sidewalk five and a half feet in width. The

roadway is of bitulthic, the sidewalks of concrete, with side railings of the same material. In the entire length of the bridge no steel or woodwork is exposed to view.

Began a Year Ago. The work of construction began February 1, 1910, and it is expected that the bridge will be officially opened February 1 of this year. The progress of construction was interrupted by the heavy floods of last September, when the French Broad river "ran amuck" and reached the record height of 18 feet above the bed. One of the arches was almost completed and the false work for the second had been put up. The flood carried away the false work of both arches, causing a delay of not less than three months and inflicting damage to the extent of \$3,000, all of which was the contractor's loss and not the county's.

The total cost of the bridge to the county in round numbers will reach \$70,000, which includes the bridge complete, ready for traffic. The maximum force employed in construction was 100 men, all of which was local labor with the exception of five foremen and engineers who belong to the permanent organization of the contractor. No serious accidents marked the progress of the work.

The entire weight of the bridge will not be less than 12,000 tons. It is built of reinforced concrete, in

which all tension strains are taken by steel; only compression is allowed to come on the concrete. It has been found that concrete and steel bound together perfectly, forming the best coating and protection to steel yet discovered.

Mr. Clarke's Work. The designer and builder of the bridge, Mr. C. E. Clarke, has just been awarded the contract for a concrete bridge connecting Wyman park and Druid's Hill park at Huntersville, N. C., and another bridge of twenty miles of bridges in various sections of the country stand today as monuments to his work. Mr. Clarke first began to build arch bridges for the Big Four railway ten years ago. He is a graduate of John Hopkins university and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Probably no man in the United States has had more experience in the designing and construction of large concrete arch bridges.

As the result of the entrance of the street car lines into West Asheville real estate in that section has taken on a decided boom and in some cases prices have more than doubled. It is expected that the first car will go across the bridge early next month. The poles are steadily creeping forward. The opening of the line will be made a "red letter" day in West Asheville.

DEVELOPMENT MEN ARE NOW ON WAY TO PRISON

Men Who Sought to Establish Resort Taste The Pill of Adversity.

KILLED BY ENGINE

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 19.—Thomas Sibley and J. C. Masters, promoters of the Albemarle Development company of Albemarle, N. C., who were arrested here several days ago charged with having used the mails to defraud, left here tonight in the custody of Deputy United States Marshall Collins of Jackson and Post Office Inspector Bull of North Carolina for Charlotte, where they will be imprisoned pending trial. It is stated that a score of men charged jointly with Masters and Sibley of having misused the mails have been located and that their arrests will follow within a few days.

CLAYTON, GA., JAN. 19.—Wm. C. Scroggs, a prominent farmer of this county and former member of the legislature was struck and killed here tonight by an engine on the Tallulah Falls railroad. The dead man was a noted character in north-east Georgia.



WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—For North Carolina: fair, slightly warmer in western portion.

PAUL MORTON, PRES. OF EQUITABLE LIFE, IS DEAD

Dies Suddenly in the Hotel Seymour New York—He Had Hemorrhage

ANOTHER RIPE LEMON IS LAID AT BALLINGER DOOR

Senator Fletcher Tells the Senate That Ballinger Is Not Fitted for The Job

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society and secretary of the navy under Theodore Roosevelt, died of cerebral hemorrhage in the hotel Seymour here tonight. His wife and his elder brother, Joy, were at his side fifteen minutes after he was stricken, but he never regained consciousness and at a quarter to seven o'clock, an hour after he was stricken, he died. The coroner's office is satisfied that the death resulted from natural causes and there will be no autopsy.

Mr. Morton himself had no idea that his life was in danger, but his family, his physicians and a few close friends knew that his condition was precarious and that if he did not take care of himself grave results would follow. In the ante room of the Hotel Seymour while Mr. Morton was talking, stood Thomas Fortune Ryan, E. J. Herold and Theo. J. Shotts, all of whom had been summoned by telephone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hopkins Smith, Jr., a daughter and son in law, had joined Mrs. Morton. The body was removed to the hospital tonight, but no statement of funeral plans was given out.

FREIGHT RATE ARGUMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Upon the conclusion of the argument of the proposed advances of freight rates in Western Trunk Line association territory today, Chairman Clements of the Interstate commerce commission announced that the carriers had consented further to postpone the increases from February 1 to March 15, in order to afford the commission adequate time in which to deal with the great question presented.

BODIES AWAIT CLAIMANTS.

NOHFOK, Va., Jan. 19.—The embalmed bodies of the nine victims of the explosion aboard the battleship Delaware at sea Tuesday were still in the naval hospital morgue today awaiting instructions from their relatives in distant states and cities.

BILL LOOKS TO STATE AID IN THE BUILDING OF ROADS

Senator Boyden Offers Measure Providing For Road Commission & Engineer

BELIEVED THAT THE BILL WILL GO THROUGH

House Passes a Bill to Bar Employers From Hindering Their Employees

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—A bill to create a state highway department composed of a state highway commission and state highway engineer, to co-operate with counties and townships in the construction of good roads was offered in the senate today by Boyden of Rowan, with every assurance that it will be speedily enacted. It provides for one fourth of the cost of the road improvement in co-operation construction to be borne by the state, and three fourths by the counties benefited, the state to levy a tax of one fourth of one mill on every dollar of taxable property for the state's fund. Another bill by the same senator asked for an annual appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the maintenance of the state university and seventy five thousand dollars annually for two years for repairs and permanent improvements. The house passed a bill to protect labor organizations from exactions by employers that they do not join unions. Among the new bills in the house was one by Rose of Cumberland to authorize the Supreme court to increase the salary of the Supreme court reporter to \$1,800. By House of Johnston offered one to authorize the board of agriculture to pay debt for A. and M. agricultural building out of oil tax revenue which has accumulated without provision for application.

Concerning Fire Insurance. The house committee on propositions and grievances heard arguments last evening on the proposition to create a legislative commission to investigate the conduct of the insurance companies in this state as proposed in the bill by Koonce of Onslow, who is chairman of the committee, the hearing to be resumed on Wednesday of next week. Col. Walker Taylor of Wilmington, prominent local agent for insurance, was the principal speaker, clearly stating a decided sentiment against the necessity of any investigation, but mainly reciting the conditions and leaving it to the legislature as to the existence of the necessity. He insisted, however, that an investigation would raise the presumption in the public mind that there was something wrong as to insurance in this state, which is not the fact, as he views the situation. He explained the work of the southeastern tariff association as scheduling and equalizing rates for the convenience and economy of all the companies rather than in any wise a trust. Furthermore, that the companies in representation do less than fifty per cent of the business in this state so that it could not be a trust in any way. Of 134 insurance companies licensed to do business in North Carolina only 74 are

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DECLARE THAT POSTAL ECONOMY IS INJURING EFFICIENCY OF SERVICE

Congressman Small and Others Take Crack at Hitchcock's Management

ILL-JUDGED ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Postmaster General Hitchcock's economy administration in the post office department came in for sharp criticism at the hands of several members of the house of representatives today during the consideration of the post office appropriation bill. Representative Small of North Carolina, Bartlett of Georgia, Borland of Missouri, Saunders of Virginia on the democratic side and Representative Steenerson of Minnesota on the republican side declared that the economy plans were seriously affecting the efficiency of the postal service, especially on the rural free delivery and star routes and took issue with the officials of the post office department that the postal deficit was being wiped out without detriment to the service. Mr. Small declared that the rural service was being discriminated against and that while the department did not hesitate to create a deficiency in one branch of the service, it was declining to spend \$1,730,000 of the appropriation allowed by congress for an increase in the rural routes.