

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IS SURE AT HALF MILLION

Senate Cuts in Half Proposed Amount of Bonds For New State Building

ONLY TWO WEEKS NOW REMAIN OF SESSION

Despite of Short Time Both Houses Are Flooded With New Bills

RALEIGH, Feb. 20.—In the house the bill for a constitutional amendment to allow waiver of homestead exemptions...

The state administration building bill was taken up in the senate today for the third time and after voting down all amendments...

President Newland announced the appointment of Senators Brown and Cox as members on the part of the state of the joint committee to investigate the state's interest in turnpikes and railroads...

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NAVAL PROGRAM IS FOR BUILDING OF TWO BATTLESHIPS

Proposed Preparations For War Will Reach Into Many Million Dollars

SHEPPARD OF TEXAS CONVULSES HOUSE

Will be Fight Requiring Building of Ships Under Eight Hour Law

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The naval appropriation bill was considered in the house during an afternoon and night session and practically all of the measure's items were agreed to except the building of the two new battleships...

A proposed repeal of the clause in last year's bill that all ships let out by contract should be under the eight-hour labor law...

An Interesting "Pair" One of the most interesting "pairs" recorded in the house of representatives for a great many years was arranged to cover the absence from tonight's session of the house of Speaker Cannon and Champ Clark...

SENATOR ALDRICH HEARTILY FAVORS RECIPROCITY BILL

Letter to President Creates Astonishment in Ranks of Stand Patiers

ALDRICH IS NOW SICK AT JEKYL ISLAND, GA.

On That Account Will Not be Able to Return and Help President's Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee of the senate, has written to President Taft that he favors the confirmation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement...

Creates Surprise. The announcement that Senator Aldrich whose name is attached to the existing tariff act had agreed to the terms of the reciprocal agreement with Canada...

Early in the present session Senator Aldrich was compelled to leave Washington on account of his health. He is spending the winter at Jekyll Island, Ga., and although much better than when he left here, it is not likely he will be able to take any further part in tariff legislation...

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Help The Cause.



SUPREME COURT OF NATION HANDS DOWN MANY IMPORTANT OPINIONS

Will Review Famous Naval Stores Case in Which Several Defendants Are Under Sentence to Prison.—Interprets Hepburn Railway Act.—Many Others Affecting Inter-State Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Not for years have so many far reaching principles relating to interstate commerce been approved by the Supreme Court of the United States as were established in its decisions today...

Other Opinions. Among other questions decided by the court were: That the Supreme court will review the validity of an order of the interstate commerce commission even though the two years limitation in the life of the order has expired.

Case of Contempt. The mayor and councilmen of Clay Center, Kansas, were held in contempt but excused from punishment with the payment of costs, because they destroyed the subject matter of a litigation before the Supreme court after its decision was announced...

SUPERSTITION GIVES WAY TO MODERN SANITATION AS PLAGUE SPREADS IN CHINA

Victims by Thousands Are Being Cremated Every Day

STILL SPREADING

PEKING, Feb. 20.—There is a noticeable activity on the part of the Chinese government to stay the spread of the plague and sanitary measures are being strictly enforced in all the towns where a few weeks ago the disease was allowed full swing unhampered.

In the town of Kwang-Chang near Manchuria where the daily death list has numbered a hundred or more, masked men go about with sleds and pick up the bodies lying in the streets where they have been placed by relatives.

The Mukden authorities are promptly dispatching physicians and nurses, with all the requisites for taking care of the sick, to villages where new outbreaks occur and this precaution, it is believed will result in checking the spread of the disease.

HOBSON AGAIN SEES RED AND PREDICTS WAR WITH JAPAN WITHIN 10 MONTHS

Says This Country Would Soon Find Itself Absolutely Helpless

WE ARE UNPREPARED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Representative Hobson of Alabama, inferentially referring to Japan, declared in the house today that the United States might be involved in war within ten months.

Mr. Hobson declared: "You can count on the fingers of your two hands the number of months before the United States would have a war on its hands. This nation is not going to prepare and the day is coming when it will be struck by a nation that is prepared."

Whether we are struck from the side of the Atlantic ocean or the Pacific," Mr. Hobson said, "we are going to find ourselves at a remarkably early stage of the war absolutely helpless."

MANY MILLIONS IN BONDS WILL SOON BE ISSUED FOR WORK ON PANAMA CANAL

Secretary of Treasury MacVeagh Wants Issue to be Popular

\$50,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—An issue of \$50,000,000 to \$50,000,000 of the Panama bonds seems certain to be made if the house passes the bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to withhold the new securities as a basis for national notes.

In view of the sale of about \$100,000,000 industrial improvement bonds during January and the prediction that about \$500,000,000 more will find their way to market in the next few months, treasury officials agree that this is a propitious time for an issue of government securities.

Secretary MacVeagh wants to make the issue a popular one. Recent statistics which were gathered for him by assistant Secretary Andrew show that more than four fifths of the bonds of the United States are owned by the banks and that only 20,000 individuals of a population of 92,000,000 are registered as holders of government securities while France with a population of forty million has more than five million investors.

ACTION OF BURLEY GROWERS MAY CAUSE NIGHT RIDING

Growers in Session Declare for No Crop and Trouble May Follow

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 20.—Contrary to expectations the convention of the Burley Tobacco Growers in session here today voted unanimously for a "cut out" of the crop this year. Practically every delegate to the meeting bore instructions to support the movement.

The result of the meeting is regarded in some quarters as presaging a resumption of night riding and similar disorders as reports received show that the tobacco growers generally are inclined to the belief that a crop should be raised this year and none in 1912.

POSSES SEARCH IN VAIN FOR THE ESCAPED ROBBERS

Five Men Who Held up Southern Fast Train are Still at Liberty

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Feb. 20.—Two posses of the three that went out this morning in search of the five men who on Saturday morning held up and robbed Southern Passenger train No. 24, near here, returned here tonight without having discovered the trace of the hold up gang.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—Frank Gotch of Kansas City, Mo., champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, lost his handicap match to Americus of Baltimore here last night. He agreed to throw Americus twice in an hour but gained only one fall after 50 minutes and 15 seconds. Americus succeeded in standing off the champion for the rest of the hour.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SHOPS IN THROES OF BIG STRIKE

Boilermakers Walk Out and Machinists and Blacksmiths Likely to Follow

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 20.—The strike of the boilermakers in the shops of the New York Central railroad lines which began today, has the sympathy of the machinists and blacksmiths employed in the shops, according to the officials of the boilermakers union and within a few days, it is claimed that over 2,000 machinists and blacksmiths will walk out in sympathy.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20.—Rev. Robert W. Forsythe, D. D., aged 44, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, this city, died at the rectory tonight of a long illness. He was of Virginia ancestry but was born in Baltimore. He had held pastorates in that city, Portsmouth, Va., and Philadelphia.

FILIBUSTERING IS THING OF THE PAST WITH RULE ADOPTED

Two Thirds Vote of House Can Cut Off Further Debate and Amendments

OMNIBUS WAR CLAIMS IS RUSHED THROUGH

House Measure Leaves Out French Spoilation and Navy Overtime Claims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Filibustering in the lower branch of congress during this session became a thing of the past today when the house voted by a large majority for a rule which when invoked by a two-thirds vote as to any pending measure forthwith reduced the time of debate to 40 minutes and cuts off all amendments.

Characterized as a "game" by some of its opponents, the rule adopted today can only be brought into play when two-thirds of the house desire it. In the rules committee it was proposed at first to allow a majority to invoke the rule. The democrats objected to this and the two-thirds provision was inserted.

The major and councilmen of Clay Center, Kansas, were held in contempt but excused from punishment with the payment of costs, because they destroyed the subject matter of a litigation before the Supreme court after its decision was announced...

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE IN HONDURAN REPUBLIC BEGIN IN EARNEST TODAY

Indications are That Conference Will Fail of Agreement

DAVILLA TO RESIGN PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Feb. 20.—Via wireless—Thomas C. Dawson, special representative of the United States appointed to attend the peace conference on board the United States gunboat Tacoma between the representatives of President Davilla and General Bonilla, provisional president, arrived at this port today from Puerto Barrios, Maximo Rosales, who will represent the Davilla government has been here several days.

