

TORRENS MEASURE PASSED BY SENATE AFTER LONG BATTLE

Measure Is Similar to the One Adopted in the House

REVENUE BILL IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Asheville Water Bill Is Passed by the Upper House

RALEIGH, Feb. 27.—The Torrens land title bill similar to the one that has already passed in the house, went through the senate today and as soon as the differences in amendments by the house and senate can be adjusted the measure will be ready for enrollment and ratification.

It leaves the Torrens system of titles optional and puts the machinery in the superior courts in the counties instead of in a state Torrens system court.

The vote was 31 to 8 and everybody explained their votes, numbers voting for it under protest because they did not believe it would give the benefit that was being claimed for it. The bill is to be effective January 1, 1914.

Revenue Bill Up.

The house made progress in committee of the whole on consideration of the revenue bill on second reading. In adopting the sections on inheritance changes were made exempting from taxation \$10,000 for widows and \$5,000 for each child.

The tax on inheritances by brothers and sisters was raised from \$3 to \$5 on each \$100 the same change was made as to inheritances by cousins. Rate as to more remote kin, including grand kin was advanced from \$7.50 to \$7.50 and the tax on inheritances by others than relatives and corporations including religious and charitable institutions was advanced from \$7.50 to \$10 per hundred. Maximum income exempt from taxation was made \$1,250. Sections including 23 were adopted, an amendment by Connor to penalize disclosure of incomes listed was withdrawn.

Important Act Introduced.

Chairman Williams of the house finance committee introduced in the house what he declared to be by far the most important measure that is to engage the attention of the assembly this session, coming too, with the unanimous endorsement of the finance committee. It is "an act for the relief of real and personal property in North Carolina and for fixing the tax rate. This amendment is to begin May 1 and is to be of actual value of property in money."

The bill prescribes that the 1913 tax rate state, county and municipal shall neither of them be fixed for 1913 at rates that will yield more than the aggregate of the taxes collected for 1913 plus five per cent, except for providing whatever is necessary for assuring the six months minimum school term and the aggregate for 1914 shall be more than eight per cent in excess of the 1912 aggregate of taxes.

Senator Weaver has introduced a bill to amend the act of 1911 as to title insurance companies.

The senate passed a bill to authorize Asheville to purchase lands to improve Town Branch.

House Adopts Report.

The house tonight adopted a report of the special legislative commission on the results of the conferences thus far with the railroad officials.

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NEW VICE PRESIDENT VISITS PRINCETON AS GUEST OF THE WILSONS

Reception Committee Will Meet Official and Wife on Arrival.

AN ENTERTAINMENT.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 27.—President-elect Wilson had as his guest at luncheon today Vice President-elect Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, and Mrs. Marshall, who stopped here on the way to Washington.

Mrs. Wilson was unable to come from Princeton because of the press of household duties incident to the departure for the national capital.

Mr. Wilson has completed his work as governor and came to the state house today to clear up some of his correspondence on national affairs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—When Vice President-elect Thomas R. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall arrive at the Union station here shortly after noon tomorrow they will be met by a reception committee and escorted to the hotel where they are to reside during their stay in the capital.

The reception committee, headed by Henry B. MacFarland will represent the inaugural committee. In Mr. Marshall's party there are only Mrs. Marshall and her maid.

MORGAN LETTER IS PRESENTED TO THE MONEY COMMITTEE

Important Document From Financier Causes Big Stir in Congress

BANKING SYSTEM IS FULLY DISCUSSED

Full Investigation Is Courted Big Money Magnate He Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A general denial of the existence or possibility of a "money trust" was presented to the house money trust committee today in a long letter from J. P. Morgan and company, at the invitation of the committee.

Upon the receipt of the Morgan letter today Chairman Pujo gave out a letter written to Morgan and company, saying that the invitation to Morgan and company had been extended January 27, and that the committee had been at work on its report for a month.

"Four memorandums," the reply concluded, "manifestly comes too late to be of value."

The Morgan letter laid at the door of the present banking and currency laws the responsibility for any "concentration" of money and credit that may exist.

In its conclusions as the committee's activities, the letter said:

Text of Letter.

"We venture to submit the consideration that, in a strong public opinion, such as exists in this country, there lies the greatest safeguard of the community—always assuming that congress will evolve a basic system of banking which is scientific and sound—as at the present time, ours admittedly is not. The public, that is, the depositors, are the ones who entrust bankers with such influence and power as they today have in every civilized land and the public is unlikely to entrust that power to weak or evil hands."

Attack Is Made.

That part of the money trust resolution declaring that it is "generally believed" that groups of financiers "create, and compose companies" was particularly attacked by the letter. Morgan and company set forth that any withholding of money or credit by one man in any market, would be "promptly relieved by the automatic flow of credit from some altogether foreign source."

"We regret," said the letter, "that a belief so incredible, so abhorrent and so harmful to the country, should for a moment have found lodgement anywhere. And we welcome your invitation as an opportunity for us to state that to the extent of our observations and experience, there is not even a vestige of truth in the idea that in whole or in part the financial convulsion of 1907 was brought on through the design of any man or men."

The letter further pointed out that the individuals "to whom is attributed the power to create panics," were the ones to suffer most by the severe shrinkage in values of securities during the 1907 panic.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN THAW BRIBERY HEARING HAPPENS IN NEW YORK

Governor Sulzer Takes Prompt Action in Matter of Asylum Head.

INVESTIGATION ON.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Without waiting for a report from his committee of inquiry which has been investigating the latest Thaw scandal, Governor Sulzer today sent a letter to Colonel Joseph F. Scott, superintendent of the state prisons directing the removal of Dr. John W. Russell, superintendent of the Mattewan state hospital, where Harry K. Thaw is confined.

Colonel Scott tonight said he had not yet received the letter. Action by Colonel Scott was made unnecessary however, by the resignation of Dr. Russell, which was telephoned this afternoon from Mattewan. The resignation was accepted at once and Colonel Scott designated Dr. Roy L. Leak, first assistant physician at the hospital, to take charge of the institution temporarily.

The government sent another letter to Charles S. Whitman, district attorney of New York together with a copy of the testimony taken by the committee concerning the offer of \$20,000 which Dr. Russell says was made to him by John N. Anhalt, a New York lawyer if he would aid in releasing Thaw. The testimony also included Anhalt's denial and his counter charges that Dr. Russell wanted to know "where he came in" on the \$25,000 which Anhalt admits he received from an agent of Thaw as a "contingent retainer" to free Stanford White's slayer.

MEXICAN REPORTS READ TO SENATORS BY MICHIGAN MAN

Activity of Americans in Causing Revolt Is Subject Discussed

GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROPOSITION

Witness Says Certain Americans were Lined up With Madero

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the senate special committee appointed to investigate alleged activity of Americans in inciting and aiding Mexican revolutionists since 1910 today presented to the senate a huge volume of testimony taken during the committee's hearings along the Mexican border last fall.

Most of the testimony had been made public, but the official publication today placed it for the first time in the hands of senators.

A volume of more than 900 printed pages covers examination of more than 150 witnesses, many of whom expressed the belief that the United States had shown partiality toward the Madero forces; that the neutrality laws had been violated in their behalf, but strictly enforced against the Orozco forces when Madero came into power.

Witnesses Examined.

The volume presented to the senate today contained no statement of conclusions or summary of the evidence by the committee. Many witnesses expressed belief that large American interests centering in the financial circles of New York, had aided the Madero forces. The committee is understood to be seeking further information on that point.

Edward C. Houghton, manager of a big ranching and mining company in Chihuahua, told the committee that Salazar, one of the rebel leaders in the rebellion of last year, had told him "that the American government had aligned itself with Madero, to fight the liberal cause, and that consequently there would be no more guarantees to American or foreign interests."

MAKE TUBERCULOSIS TEST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Surgeon General Blue, of the public health service, has been so deluged with requests from sufferers of pulmonary tuberculosis for permission to offer themselves as subjects for tests of Dr. Friedman's tuberculosis vaccine, that he today made an official announcement that under no circumstances would the public health service give the vaccine to any one until it had been tested in the government's hygienic laboratory here.

Director John F. Anderson, of the laboratory went to New York today to get the cultures Dr. Friedman has turned over to the public health service for laboratory tests.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS IS SPEAKER BEFORE THE MEETING OF IRONWORKERS

None but Delegates are Allowed to Hear Labor Leader.

RYAN PRESIDES.

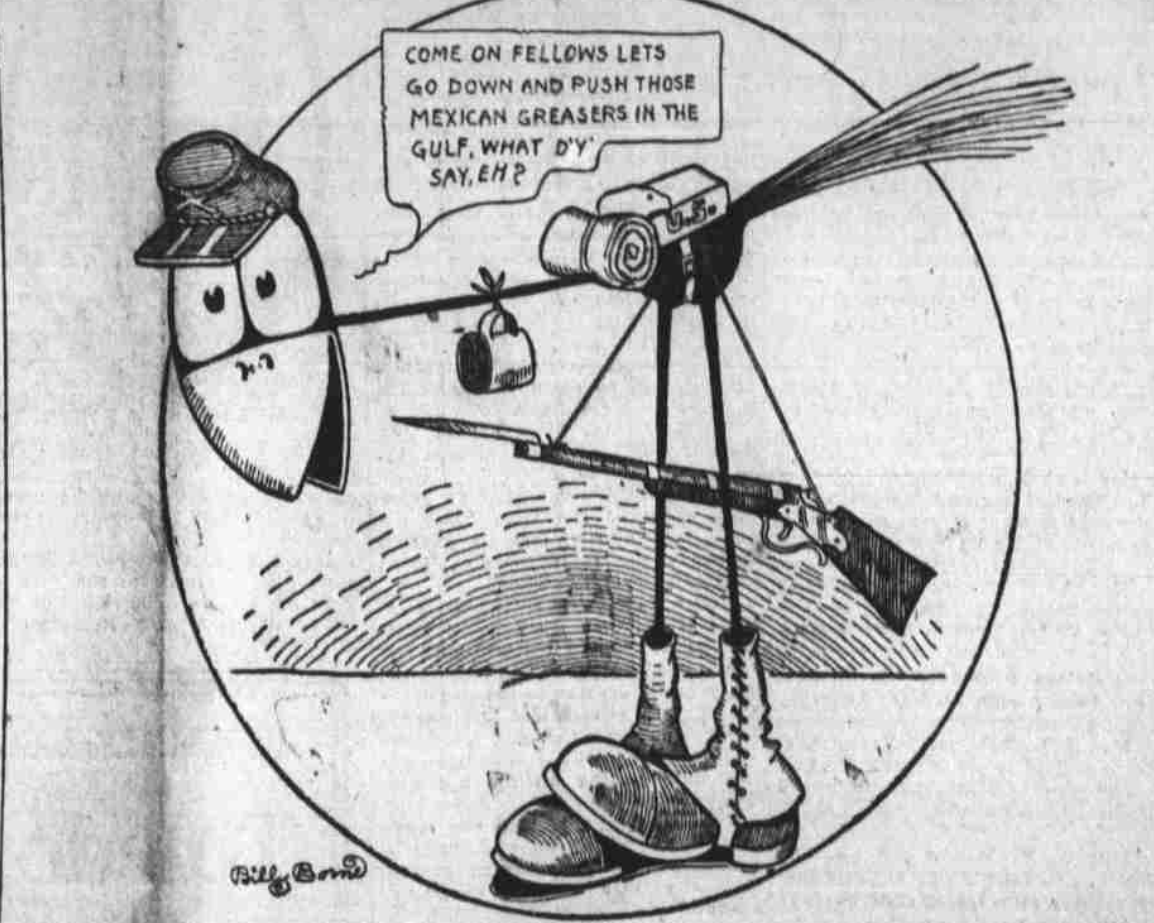
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference with several officials of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers here today and also addressed a meeting of the iron workers' convention. Precautions were taken to admit only accredited delegates to the convention to hear Mr. Gompers. Guards stationed at the doors carefully scrutinized credentials of each delegate before admitting him.

Mr. Gompers declined to make known the proceedings, except to say he had expressed a belief that all of the thirty-three men sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., as conspirators in the McNamara dynamiting plots were innocent. He said, in addressing the iron workers, confident that the United States circuit court of appeals would grant new trials.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Forecast for North Carolina: fair and colder Friday; Saturday probably fair, brisk west winds.

All Ready For The Call



UNITED STATES NOW CONVINCED THAT MEXICO IS NOT ANXIOUS FOR A WAR

Movement of Soldiers to the South is Not to be Stopped However. No Reorganization of Government Now Seems Likely in Trouble Zone.

War News of Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Although the United States troop trains are steadily rolling southward converging on Galveston, it was made evident today that the heart had gone out of the movement, under the influence of the growing conviction that the provisional government in Mexico is going to be able to maintain itself, which seemed to be the general tenor of the reports to the state department from its consular officers in Mexico.

Neither the Mexican embassy here nor the state department has heard any information from the Huerta government in Mexico City of its announced intention to send General Emilio Rabasa to the United States as ambassador to succeed Senator Clero, who resigned his post early this year. This circumstance creates no surprise as the present administration is on the eve of retirement and it is taken for granted that if President Huerta has decided to send Senator Rabasa here he will make inquiry later to ascertain if his representative is persona grata to the administration with which he will have to deal.

Won't Recognize Regime.

Although quiet reigns in Sonora that state has given notice that it will not recognize the Huerta regime until it has demonstrated its ability to control the situation throughout the republic. The governor of Sonora, who has that state under full control, was ordered by the state congress to notify the federal capital that for the present Sonora will remain a spectator and when a government is established and the state government is officially notified, it will recognize the new order.

ORDERS TO AVIATORS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—When the army aviators, now in their winter camp at Augusta, Ga., proceed to Galveston, Texas, that branch of the signal corps for the first time will participate in the maneuvers of an entire division of the United States army. Brigadier General George P. Scriven, chief signal officer, is awaiting with much interest the results of the work of the aviators.

The officers who will go to Galveston as soon as orders are issued, are Captain Charles DeForest Chandler,

in charge of the school at Augusta, and Lieutenants Graham, Sherman, Kirtland and Milling, Lieutenants Call and Ellington, now at Palm Beach, Fla., and Captain Frederick B. Hennessy, now in Washington. They will have with them seven machines, including one hydro-aeroplane, now at Palm Beach.

SEVENTEEN ARE EXECUTED.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27.—Seventeen Zapatistas who carried their vocation and looting and murder to the edge of the federal district, 3 miles from the capital were captured today and executed.

The rurales encountered the rebels at early dawn today and defeated them. Later Juan Varera, commander of the rurales, sent a terse message to President Huerta in which he said:

"I have the honor to report the execution of seventeen bandits taken in outlawry and rebellion."

PEACE CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 27.—The peace conference here between Huerta emissaries and Nuevo Laredo rebel authorities scheduled for today was postponed until tonight.

SUFFRAGETTES WILL REACH WASHINGTON DURING DAY

Large Delegation Will go Out to Meet "General" Jones and Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—"General" Rosalie Jones and her "army" of "hikers" from New York are expected to be within striking distance of the capital about noon tomorrow and they will be met by a large delegation from the suffrage headquarters here, headed by Miss Alice Paul, executive head of the suffrage movement, and other leaders who will ride out toward Hyattsville and escort them into Washington. A troop composed of twenty cavalry women, who are to take part in the parade March 3, will form the official escort. There also will be a battalion of young women marchers who are members of a local tramping club.

Arriving in Washington the hikers will march through various streets to the suffrage Washington headquarters. A short time after reaching the headquarters a large open air meeting will be held and "General" Jones will make the chief address.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 27.—William A. Dorr, of Stockton, Cal., was found guilty today of the murder of George Marsh, of Lynn. The jury was out two hours.

The body of Marsh, who was 77 years old, was found in the marshes near the boulevard in Lynn, April 12, 1912. He had been shot. Suspicion first fell on Dorr when he returned to his home in Stockton, Cal., after a hurried visit in the east.

In summing up, District Attorney Atwill said that the death of Marsh was a murder, deliberately planned by Dorr, who believed that with Marsh dead he would profit by a legacy which would revert to his aunt.

MATCHES POISON CHILD.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 27.—A dispatch tonight from Gamberton, N. C., says that Dorothy Britt, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wester Britt, prominent citizens of Robeson county, died this afternoon as a result of eating a number of matches headed yesterday afternoon.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN SEVERE GEORGIA STORM

Many are Injured and Much Property Destroyed by High Winds.

ATLANTA, Feb. 27.—Four persons are known to have perished, many were injured and property valued at several hundred thousand dollars damaged by a severe wind and rain storm which swept Alabama, Georgia and Florida today.

The only known fatalities occurred at Omaha, Ga., where three negroes were killed when a building in which they were working collapsed and in Crenshaw county, Alabama, where Rufus Sumner, was killed in a building collapse. Greatest property damage in Georgia occasioned by the storm was reported in the southern section of the state.

At Milledgeville, Ga., many buildings were demolished. Twelve female prisoners were injured when the state structure at that place collapsed. Forty children in the Hopewell school near Milledgeville had a miraculous escape when the building was blown down. Only one child was injured.

Three children were seriously injured when the Bridges school, near Cordale, Ga., was blown down. There were more than 30 in the school house when the accident occurred.

MUST NOT DESECRATE FLAG.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The senate today passed Senator Webb's bill to prevent the desecration of the American flag. The measure would prohibit the placing of a word, figure mark, picture or design or advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard or ensign of the United States and provides a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months for such desecration. The bill also would prohibit the mutilation of the American flag.

ALLEGES THIRD DEGREE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The trial of Charles Kramer, alias Conway, and his wife for the alleged murder of Mrs. Sophie Singer, of Baltimore last October got under way today. An alleged confession pleading self defense the defense contends, was wrung from the Conways after 45 sleepless hours under duress.

FORMER MAYOR McCLELLAN WAS LEADING WITNESS

Appears Again Before the New York Police Graft Investigation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Rottenness in New York's police department, declared former Mayor McClellan, testifying today before the legislative committee on police remedial legislation, is centered in the higher officers. During his administration, six years ago, he declared the system was so entrenched that on one occasion he found only one policeman who would tell him the truth.

"The system fooled even the president of the United States the other day," he said, referring to the time President Taft attended a lieutenant's dinner which developed into a "ratification meeting for a wretched crook."

TRIAL ENDED.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The trial of the gang of 22 automobile bandits who held Paris in terror for months ended today. A verdict of guilty was returned against eighteen of the prisoners on counts including murder, arson and robbery.

Four of the accused, including three women accomplices, were found not guilty.

Among the indictments were no fewer than 22 murders, the victims being motor drivers, bank messengers, freight agents and policemen.

Four of the twenty-two bandits were sentenced to death by the Guilloine. The condemned men are Diudonne, Callemain, Scudy and Monles, against whom a number of murders were proved.

BODY IS IDENTIFIED.

SALISBURY, N. C., Feb. 27.—A strange young white man found in a dying condition with his head badly crushed beside the railroad track near Lexington last night and brought to Salisbury on a special train was today identified as James Johnson of Bessemer City, through the efforts of the railway officials. His mother was located near that place today. His father is a mining engineer in Montgomery county. The body was prepared for burial and shipped to Bessemer City tonight.

RATE MATTER FROM WINSTON-SALEM IS FINALLY DECIDED

Has Been Before Interstate Commerce Commission a Long Time

MANY MATTERS UP BEFORE THE LAWMAKERS

Appropriation Bill Is One of Leading Matters Now Under Consideration

(By Geo. H. Manning.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The interstate commerce commission today dismissed the complaint of the Winston-Salem board of trade against the Norfolk and Western Railway company, declaring that the rate of \$2.19 per ton for coal shipments from the Pocahontas fields in Virginia and West Virginia to Winston-Salem, N. C., was not excessive or unreasonable. The case was argued before Commissioner Judson C. Clements, on August 9, 1912, and a decision in the case handed down today. J. E. Alexander, J. L. Ludlow and J. L. Graham appeared on behalf of the board of trade of Winston-Salem.

APPROPRIATION BILL UP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—House and senate today gave the annual appropriation bills a vigorous push toward completion and made marked inroads upon a mass of legislative matter that has crowded the calendar of congress. The last appropriation measure, the general deficiency bill passed the house early in the day, and that body has only conference reports to act upon from now until adjournment.

After a session lasting until 1 a. m. today the senate resumed at 10 o'clock and moved rapidly through the agricultural and the sundry civil appropriation measures. Tonight the legislative clock pointed more of a cleaned up appearance than the congressional leaders had dared to hope for.

Big Fight Expected.

The senate had not acted on the naval or general deficiency bills today and a lively fight was expected over the battleship question when the naval bill comes up. It was expected tonight, however, that it would be possible to complete all of the bills carrying the \$1,000,000,000 or more of federal appropriations before adjournment next Tuesday unless the two houses become deadlocked in the conference committee over some of the controverted matters.

After all night session, filled with a bitter struggle over public building appropriation bill carrying an increase of nearly \$15,000,000 over the \$25,000,000 bill as passed by the house. One sweeping amendment inserted just before passage at the suggestion of Senator Kern, of Indiana, prohibited the erection of a building or the purchase of a site for postoffice purposes exclusively in any city where the postal receipts were less than \$10,000 a year.

DEFEAT IS DEPLORED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer today deplored the defeat of the two battleship program in the house and expressed the belief

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WILSON STATEMENT IS CAUSE OF SENSATION WITH SENATE MEMBERS

President-elect Says He Will Spend Much Time at Capital.

VIEWS OF SENATORS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Lively discussion was precipitated in congressional circles today by a published statement credited to President-elect Wilson that he intended to spend part of each working day in the president's room at the capital, to keep in closer touch with legislative affairs. Such action on the part of the president would overturn a precedent which has restricted the president's visits to the capital to the last hours of a session of congress.

Democratic leaders today discussed the reported plan of Mr. Wilson with reluctance though many seemed to favor it.

"If President Wilson wishes to come to the capital and advise with congress, he will be welcome," said Senator O'Gorman.

"The closer the president and congress get in the transaction of public business, the better it will be," said Senator Pomerehne of Ohio. His expression was concurred in by Senator Johnson of Maine. The chief reason for the long established precedent keeping the president in the white house a mile away from the capital is said to be a sentiment in the house and senate to what has been interpreted as "presidential encroachment" upon the domain of action of congress.