

LOBBYISTS AGAIN BEGIN TO SWARM INTO WASHINGTON

Hope New Day Will Dawn in Their Favor as Wilson Leaves the White House. LARGE NUMBERS ON THE HUNT FOR JOBS

Houston Has Trouble Finding Room for Storing Uncle Sam's Gold.

By JOE L. BAKER WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The lobby evil, in all its insidious ugliness, is re-appearing in Washington.

Representative Welby, of Ohio, has now introduced a similar bill in the house, and whether they get action on them at this session of congress or not, the bills will be re-introduced early in the special session and will be pressed for action.

Like Senator Overman's bill, the Welby bill requires that all persons lobbying on capital bill or in any of the departments shall register, and it also provides that the names and addresses of persons who recommend to the President the nomination of persons for judgeships shall be recorded and sent to the senate along with the nomination.

"Washington is full of persons who seemingly have no fixed employment or income, and yet live in luxury," said Mr. Welby, apropos the introduction of his bill.

"The report of the federal trade commission just filed with congress shows how the lumber trust boasts of having saved billions in taxes by having their man appointed to look after their taxing interests. What they save in taxes, others must make up."

Last Democrat on the patronage list at the house end of the capitol has gone. He was "let out" the other day to make way for a republican. His name was Wm. J. Gaynor, from Lynn, Mass., and he operated the elevator reserved for members of the house and the press gallery.

Jobs are not to be had and job hunters aren't used to it. They are particularly particular about what sort of jobs they take as they once were. If observations made at the United States employment bureau of Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, count for anything, the situation is not bright.

Asking for "anything I can get," an average of one thousand a week are applying at the office, figures at the bureau show. Men from all parts of the country are besieging the bureau for jobs, according to Robert Livingston, who is in charge. Many are from factories that have been shut down. Some have come from California and the far southern and southwestern states as well as from the northern tier.

To date the bureau has been able to place only 37 per cent of the applicants at employment.

Alleged Whiskey. Evidently, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams hasn't tasted the North Carolina brand of "moonshine." He has just made a statement that the so-called whiskey now being sold, which he called "bootleg stuff," never saw a still.

Steps are being taken now aimed at reducing the large amount of alleged whiskey now being sold by the "bootleggers."

WILSON ENDORSES AIR MAIL SERVICE

President Transmits Report to Congress. No Funds Will Be Available Unless Senate Makes Provision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—President Wilson transmitted to congress today with his concurrence a report from the national advisory committee for aeronautics recommending the continuation of the air mail service.

The report, which is quite voluminous and was accompanied by only a brief letter of transmittal, asked for continuation of the air mail service, which the house recently voted against on the ground that it provides no necessary means for the development of the civil aircraft activities of the nation.

The air mail service, the report asserted, demonstrated the practicability of heavier than air planes for civil as well as for military uses. The value of the service, the report added, might not be apparent in the terms of dollars and cents but would easily seem should the nation again be called upon to mobilize its air force.

The report was signed by Joseph S. Ames, chairman of the executive committee of the national advisory committee, which is an official body composed of representatives of the army and navy and several prominent civilians.

The postoffice appropriation bill, in which appropriations for the air mail service are embodied, is now before the senate postoffice committee. Unless the senate makes provision for the service, no funds will be available for it after next June 30, the house having eliminated an appropriation of \$1,250,000.

BUSINESS SECTION APPEARS DOOMED! SEND CALL FOR AID

(Continued From Page One) Denny Motor company, scattered the flames before the firemen could gain control, and the fire spread down the east side of Wall street south to Broad virtually destroying every building along the street, and also burned three stores on Broad street.

The Max Gross building, a five-story structure, had recently been purchased by the Athens Savings bank, and the building occupied by the bank had not been burned when the flames had been raging for almost three hours.

The fire continued to spread more than three hours after it started and after virtually destroying the two buildings occupied by Michael Brothers, another tongue of flame spread from the building on Broad street. It was said the block on Broad known as the "Dupree block" would be a total loss.

A drug store at Jackson and Clayton streets caught fire soon afterwards and spectators believed the flames might sweep through another block here. The estimates by this time were raised to more than \$2,000,000 loss with many a person's opinion that the whole downtown section would be burned unless the flames were checked quickly.

Hundreds of persons started to save their property from buildings threatened by the flames and the streets adjoining the fire area were soon jammed with wagons, automobiles, and stock taken from stores and offices.

OUT PRICE OF CRUDE OIL 50c A BARREL TULSA, Okla., Jan. 24.—The Prairie Oil and Gas company today announced a cut of 50 cents a barrel.

The Sinclair Oil and Gas company also announced a cut of 50 cents a barrel to meet the reduction today. The increase in their years because marked about the time that intensive church evangelistic campaigns began to decrease the demand for oil.

MINISTERS LIVING LONG BECAUSE NOW THEY PREACH LESS BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Methodist ministers live long nowadays because they preach less, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, said at a meeting of the inter-denominational institute of evangelists today.

OPPOSING FIVE MEN IN CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY Mrs. Elizabeth G. Dargett.

The fact that she is opposed by five men is not worrying Mrs. Elizabeth G. Dargett, candidate for mayor of Attleboro, Mass. She is confident of her election, she says.

RAILROAD HEADS IN CONFER WITH GERMAN RATES CONFERENCE FAILURE TO DISARM

Agree Roads Must Obtain More Revenue. Supreme Council Listens to Military Experts. Premiers Seek Way to Continue the Existence of Austria.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Presidents of 11 of the largest railroads of the east met in conference here today at the request of Chairman Clark, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to settle, as it were, out of court, the controversy arising from the request of New England carriers for a greater division of freight rates interchanged with trunk lines west of the Hudson river.

The executives are expected to continue their conferences tomorrow, and tonight it was indicated that there were prospects that the large eastern roads through their executives would reach an agreement that would relieve the interstate commerce commission of the task of settling the controversy which is now before it and on which hearings were resumed today.

At the conferences today attention was said to have been given to the recent statement of Howard Elliott, former president of the New England carriers, that should the New England carriers fail to obtain additional revenues and be forced into bankruptcy, the entire railroad structure of the country might fall. None of those attending the conference, however, said that executives who had held out against a promise with the New England roads but it was reported that President Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson was averse to granting any concessions to the New England carriers.

Obtain Jury in the Case of Dr. Winnes Charged With Murder of a School Teacher.

Selection of Jury in Widely Heralded Case Requires Three Days.

HARLAN, Ky., Jan. 24.—A jury was obtained in circuit court this afternoon to try Dr. H. C. Winnes, charged with the murder of Miss Laura Parsons, Pine Mountain school teacher, near Dillon, Ky., last September. When court recessed at noon three men were still needed to fill the jury box and at 3:15 p. m., the state and the defense announced that Andrew Queener, E. N. Niles and James Stewart, all miners would be accepted.

The jury selection of which required three days, was obtained only after 183 men had been examined. Rufus Wilson, assistant superintendent of construction at the convict camp near Dillon was the first witness called by the state when taking testimony began shortly after 4 o'clock. Wilson testified that he was at the prison camp at the time Miss Parsons passed along the trail leading from Dillon to the Pine Mountain school. He also stated that four convicts were at work on the road at the time Miss Parsons passed the camp.

BILL TO REGULATE PACKING INDUSTRY PASSED BY SENATE (Continued From Page One) would be excluded from the proposed federal supervision.

Another amendment by Senator Pittman, of Nevada, would exempt all persons whose chief business is livestock growing or production of agricultural products from the bill's provisions. The author declared that the legislation should not extend to small stock growers who operate their own feeding yards.

Other amendments adopted included one by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, providing that all proceedings of the livestock commission should be open to the public and an amendment by Senator Pommeroy, democrat, Ohio, declaring that upon enactment of the bill all supervision of the federal trade commission over the livestock industry should be terminated and transferred to the livestock commission.

One Return of Income of Five Million Made Calendar Year, 1918 WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—One return of income of \$5,000,000 was filed in the calendar year 1918, according to completed statistics of income for that year issued tonight by the bureau of internal revenue.

Two returns were filed of income from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000; four of income from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000; 11 from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and 33 from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Corporations, exclusive of personal service concerns, reporting during 1918 numbered 317,573 of which 202,061 reported a total net income of \$3,861,511,249, which yielded income taxes of \$653,198,483 and war profits and excess profits taxes of \$2,805,685,929, a total tax of \$3,158,722,422.

Partnerships reporting net income numbered 91,132 with a total net income of \$939,881,978 while there were 2,397 personal service corporations with a total net income of \$71,222,923.

LUCKY STRIKE cigarette

It's toasted TO EXTEND INQUIRY ABOUT CALDER BILL

Take Into Consideration Labor Question. Producers Willing to Take Steps to Meet Consumers' Complaints.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Pennsylvania anthracite producers who are independent of the railroad corporations which control the bulk of production in the industry today put before the senate committee considering the Calder coal regulation bill a statement indicating their willingness to take steps to meet all justified consumers' complaints.

The record of the anthracite industry is that it has attempted to distribute coal equitably among users, the statement says. It is read by W. J. Thompson, representative of an association of 104 collieries, declared. Anthracite prices did not advance during the war or after, the statement said, as much as the increased cost of production labor and freight.

Former Governor Oakley C. Curtis, of Maine, said the taxation provisions of the Calder bill, which would take up to 80 per cent of brokerage fees charged on coal sales when they rise above set maximums would make it "the most stupendous aid to profiteers ever devised."

He said, "but as a citizen I'm telling you what it will do. After some discussion the committee adopted a motion by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, extending the inquiry to take a labor consideration and their influence on coal production costs. Chairman LaFollette summoned both operators and union representatives to appear tomorrow.

ABOLITION HIGHWAY COMMISSION SOUGHT (Continued From Page One) sergeant of arms of the house of representatives and not allowed to appear before this general assembly respecting any legislation whatsoever."

Prohibition Bill Representative C. A. Cook, of Paquotank, introduced the first prohibition bill so far offered the general assembly at the night session of the house on Monday.

The bill co-ordinates the North Carolina prohibition law with the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act. The general prohibition provisions now in force in the state are incorporated in this law, but the additional provision is made giving the governor the right to demand the resignation of any sheriff who does not enforce the prohibition law.

Under this provision of the Cook bill, the governor, upon evidence that the prohibition laws are not being properly enforced, may require the sheriff to appoint additional special deputies to be known as rural police whose duty it shall be to ferret out the violations of the prohibition laws. These police will be paid out of fines collected from cases they prosecute.

Failure of the sheriff to act in accordance with these instructions gives the governor the right after ten days' notice, to demand his resignation and require the county commissioners to elect another sheriff.

Property of any kind used in violation of the prohibition laws may be seized as a common nuisance, and they will become a lien to guarantee payments of fines and costs of such violations. The bill also makes the whiskey seller liable for civil action should a man to whom he has sold whiskey injure another man. The bill was referred to the committee on prohibitions and grievances.

The house first of the road bills also reached the house on Monday tonight when Representative Evers of Michigan introduced his bill, which provides for a highway commission of three men, with three men on each county highway commission. Councils of these commissions will have to pay one-fourth of the cost of all roads constructed.

Somewhat in line with the road bill Representative Matthews, of Michigan, tonight offered a measure which proposes to abolish the present highway commission. Mr. Matthews would wipe out the present commission and start road legislation with a clean slate.

The senate did no business of a general nature during its short session. A large number of local bills were introduced in the house, which was in session for forty-five minutes.

SHIPPING BOARD IS NOT CHARGED WITH VOUCHER TO SCHWAB (Continued From Page One) Bethlehem Steel company and Eugene G. Graess, president, after Schwab's testimony last week when he denied he had received a cent from the government for his services. Mr. Morse explained, however, that when he made his report to the shipping board he did not certify and cannot now say that the "miscellaneous items" were not eventually allocated or changed. He said that his audit of the company's books was halted before he could definitely establish whether these accounts were finally left against ship construction.

GET Your Own MEASURE

The whole secret of wisdom was expressed many hundreds of years ago, when Socrates said, "KNOW THYSELF." A wonderful truth this is. All of us can hold down a man's job. We can attain a good name. And we can save money successfully—if we will meet the measure of our productive capacities, our will to achieve and the opportunities that we have to be thrifty.

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PROBE OF MURDER CHARGES IS BEGUN Hall Cases Attracts Attention in Georgia.

Governor-elect Among the Attorneys Employed by Defendants. SOPERTON, Ga., Jan. 24.—The Truett county grand jury today began investigating the murder charges against Dan Davis, J. W. Smith, Eliza Coleman and Roy Durden, who now are being held in jail here since the death of Bill Hall, a cropper employed by Davis.

During the latter part of September, Hall was taken for an automobile ride by the four men. Two hours later the steering gear on the machine broke and the automobile in which they were riding, crashed through a bridge into the water. The car was pinned under the automobile. He was dead when he was removed from the water. An autopsy over his body the next day revealed that there was no water in his lungs. A week later it was ascertained that Hall was insured by Davis for \$15,000, his body was exhumed and his stomach was sent to a chemist who after an analysis reported that the stomach had 14 grains of chloral poison. The arrest of the four men followed. They have been held in the Soperton jail awaiting grand jury investigation.

WOMAN ESCAPES A GROUP OF NEGROES BY FAST DRIVING HOLY SPRING, Miss., Jan. 24.—B. C. Morrison, farmer and merchant of Morrisonville, near here, was shot and seriously wounded early today near Collierville, Tenn., just over the Mississippi line. A negro boy was captured after a chase with bloodhounds and is in jail here charged with the shooting.

Morrison was able to drive his car home after the shooting and his sister, accompanied by a friend, started for Collierville to secure medical aid for him. When she reached the scene of the shooting a group of negroes was seen and two of them, armed with shotguns, started toward the car she was driving, according to a report to the sheriff. She turned off the machine and made her escape.

EXACT REGULATION OF STATE BANKS IS PROPOSED IN BILL (Continued From Page One) posed bill attempts to eliminate this element of danger by requiring a stricter supervision on the part of bank directors.

The changes proposed in the new bill are to a large extent the result of a popular demand by the people of the state that its banking laws be revised and strengthened with the view of establishing a sounder basis of credit for these state institutions and thereby provide greater financial facilities for the people generally.

Harding to Take Oath Upon Same Stand as Did Abraham Lincoln WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The small stand first used at the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln and at every inauguration since, except when Wm. Howard Taft became President, will be used on March 4, when Warren G. Harding takes the oath of office.

The exception in the case of Mr. Taft was because the ceremony occurred in the senate chamber because of the weather. The stand is in the possession of Watson S. Clark, of this city, son of the architect of the capitol building.

VETERINARIANS TO MEET IN NASHVILLE SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 24.—Dr. M. B. Blackstock, of this city, was elected president and Nashville, Tenn., was chosen as the next convention city tonight by the Southern States Veterinary Association in annual session here. Dr. W. B. Ball, of Nashville, vice-president; Dr. W. K. Lewis, of Columbia, S. C., second vice-president; Dr. S. A. Alexander, of Monroe, N. C., third vice-president; John I. Handley, of Atlanta, Ga., secretary and treasurer. Dr. W. B. Ball, of Nashville, was chosen as the resident secretary and secretary for the various states represented by the association. Alabama, Dr. W. B. Staples; Georgia, Dr. H. B. Wagner; Mississippi, Dr. H. H. Parker; North Carolina, Dr. R. H. Parker; South Carolina, Dr. B. C. Tally; Tennessee, Dr. Wm. Giles; Florida, Dr. A. L. Shreve. Tonight the veterinarians held a banquet at the Cleveland hotel. Tomorrow will conclude the sessions of the row will conclude the sessions of the convention. There are about 100 in attendance.