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## THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION STATED

### He Insists Upon the Allison Amendment

## HEPBURN BILL RIGHT

### Would Like if Long and Overman Amendments Also Were Adopted, But Does Not Regard Them as Vital—Doubt Whether Allison Amendment is In.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 5.—In view of the publication today regarding the president's position on the question of railroad rate legislation and the amendments proposed, an authoritative statement was issued at the white house today defining the president's position. The statement follows:  
"The so-called Allison amendment, in the president's judgment, simply states affirmatively what the president believed is already contained in the Hepburn bill; but, if there is the slightest doubt as to its being thus already contained in the bill, the president would insist upon its being put in because unless it is thus contained the bill undoubtedly would be void."  
"Therefore as incorporating the Allison amendment under no circumstances would do anything but good, and as there is an honest doubt on the part of some sincere adherents of the bill, the president is clearly of the opinion that the Allison amendment should be put in, and this without regard to whether other amendments are or not adopted. If the Hepburn bill, therefore, passes in this form which is practically the exact form in which it passed the house, it will be satisfactory to the president, who from the beginning has stated that the Hepburn bill itself would be satisfactory. But the president would like if, in addition to the Allison amendment, the so-called Long and Overman amendments were adopted. While the president regards these amendments with favor and would like to see them adopted, he does not in the least regard them as vital, and feels that the Hepburn bill would still be in excellent shape even without them."

## ARMY OFFICER TRIED SUICIDE.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Cal., May 5.—Captain F. B. Webster of the twentieth infantry, thirty-nine years old, attempted to end his life by cutting his throat. He entered the appraiser's building, and taking a bayonet from a rifle partly severed his wind pipe. He was taken to the Presidio Hospital. Physicians say the officer may recover.  
Captain Webster came from Missouri and has seen twenty years of service. Physicians say the attempt at suicide was the result of an unbalanced mind. He had been on duty in the burned area since the earthquake.

## COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(By the Associated Press.)  
Birmingham, Ala., May 5.—Bishop Charles H. Caffery of Missouri presided at the third day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The morning devotional services were led by Dr. Paul Whitehead of Virginia. The first business of the day was the report on the complete organization of the fourteen standing committees with the following chairmen: Episcopacy, Paul Whitehead, chairman; Homœopathy, R. F. Lipscomb; revisals, Gross Alexander; publishing interests, W. B. Palmore; education, R. G. Waterhouse; church extensions, W. F. McMurray; missions, O. E. Brown; boundaries, J. H. McLean; temperance, E. B. Campbell; Sunday schools, John R. Pepper; Epworth League, J. M. Barcus; appeals, Bishop C. B. Galloway; finance, T. S. Garrison; colportage, W. R. Lambeth. The credentials committee made a report on the case of Rev. James Thomas of the Little Rock conference, whose seat was challenged yesterday. The report said the committee, after due consideration, had found no grounds for contesting Rev. Mr. Thomas' seat. Friday night of next week will be devoted to hearing fraternal delegates and Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church, is expected to address the conference on that occasion.

## Caretaker Robbed House.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Minneapolis, Minn., May 5.—Thomas J. Wainwright, who was arrested in New York, and who pleaded guilty here to robbing the residence of Dr. Pinaut of which he was caretaker, of a wagon load of valuable household goods, was sentenced yesterday to the penitentiary for seven years.

## DEBATE ON NAVAL BILL

### Program Denounced by Johnson of South Carolina

"What Is the Game We Are Playing?" He Asked—The Peace of the World an "Iridescent Dream," He Declared—Defer Big Ship Till Hague Conference.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 5.—The house today went into committee of the whole for further consideration of the naval appropriation bill.  
General debate on the bill was begun by W. T. Johnson, (S. C.) who was strong in his denunciation of the naval program as outlined in the bill. "How can you expect peace when you are making preparations for war?" he asked.  
"Since the commencement of the building of our new navy in 1883 there has been expended for ships \$252,772,667. The ships already authorized but not completed amount to \$52,429,333, making a grand total of \$304,702,000."  
"What is the game we are playing?" Mr. Johnson asked impressively. "The United States builds a ship with armor that no gun can pierce. Then we take the tax money of the people to build a gun that will demolish this armor."  
"And these monsters of human destruction," as he denominated the ships of the American navy, "are built, we are told, to insure the peace of the world." This he denominated an "iridescent dream."  
Mr. Bartholdt (Mo.) gave notice that at the proper time he would offer an amendment to the naval bill, providing that the secretary of the navy should defer the building of the \$10,000,000 ship provided for in the bill until after the forthcoming meeting of the second international Hague conference, and should the conference adopt a resolution at that session recommending the gradual naval disarmament of the nations then the ship is not to be built.  
Mr. Bartholdt argued in favor of a reduction of the navy instead of its increase.

## INDIANA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL GETS BUSY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, May 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Indianapolis says:  
The charge in the report of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield that the Standard Oil Company had a secret ferry for shipment of oil from its refinery at Whiting to Evansville, and that it paid about ten thousand dollars a year to railroads that would have been the case if the open rate had been charged, is to be the subject of an investigation by the attorney general of Indiana under the law inhibiting discriminations against shippers within the state. Companies engaged in producing oil in Indiana, and which supply independent refineries, frequently have charged that the Standard Oil Company was being favored by the railroads at the expense of independents, but no investigation ever was made.  
The last legislature created a state railroad commission with authority in such cases.

## DEATH OF AN AGED EDITOR.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Pittsburg, Pa., May 5.—James Mills, for more than thirty years an editorial writer on the Pittsburg Post, and prominently identified with the press of this city for a half century, died at Washington, Pa., today of paralysis of the brain. Mr. Mills was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Editorial Society and the first president of the Pittsburg Press Club.

## THE MUTUAL LIFE CLERKS SUBPOENAED

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, May 5.—Subpoenas were today served on all the employees in the clerical force of the Mutual Life Insurance Company's supply department, requiring them to appear before the special grand jury to investigate insurance matters, which will be impaneled next Monday. This is the jury which is asked for by District Attorney Jerome. The subpoenas served today required the clerks to bring with them their books, letter files and other documents.

## RACING AT JAMAICA.

Jamaica, L. I., May 5.—First race, senting 3 year olds and up, 6 furlongs—Aeronaunt 4 to 1 and even, first; Wesout second, Edith James third. Time 1:12 4-5.

## AS TO RUSSIA'S NEW CABINET

### Czar's Rescript Is Very Cordial in Tone

## WITTE IS DECORATED

### He and Durnovo Both Made Members of the Council of the Empire, or Upper House of the New Parliament—Liberal Papers, However, Are Very Suspicious.

(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, May 5.—The official announcement of Count Witte's retirement from the premiership, the retirement of M. Durnovo from the ministry of the interior and M. Gorenvikhin's election to the premiership appeared today in the Official Messenger. The names of the other members of the new cabinet were not gazetted. It is asserted that one of two are hesitating, notably M. Lvovskiy, curator of St. Petersburg high schools and university, who has been named for foreign minister, knowing full well that the cabinet is a makeshift of the emperor to let both Witte and Durnovo down. The usual routine do not contain the slightest suggestion of the emperor's displeasure. On the contrary the rescript to Witte puts the motives for his retirement in the best possible light, accepting the excuse of ill health at its full value.  
The whole tone of the rescript is extraordinarily cordial and besides is conferring on Witte the order of Alexander Nevskiy set in brilliant. It is the second highest decoration in Russia. Witte also retains his title of count and is appointed a member of the council of the empire or upper house of the new parliament and remains a secretary of state. Durnovo in giving up the ministry of the interior becomes a secretary of state, retains the dignity of senator and is made a member of the council of the empire.  
The members of both houses of the legislature have received invitations to attend the ceremony at the winter palace, May 10, at which the emperor will be present on the occasion of the opening of parliament.  
Despite the government's evident desire to prevent the explosion of popular passions by making a scapegoat of the Witte cabinet in holding it responsible for the repression of the last few months and the friendly assurance involved in the withdrawal of the fundamental laws, the liberal papers are extremely suspicious, not believing it to be a sincere change of heart, as the cabinet seemingly will contain men like M. Stolsinsky, the assistant of the late interior minister Van Ploche, who is held to be responsible for the oppression of the provincial authorities, and Prince Shirinsky Shakhmatoff, the assistant of the former procurator general of the holy synod, Pobedonostseff.

## FATE OF 30 MIDDIES

### Settled by Penalties Under the New Law

Evidence Had Implicated Them in Hazing, and Under Old Law If Convicted Would Have to Have Been Expelled—Now Superintendent Fixes Punishment.  
(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 5.—After consultation between the officials of the navy department and Admiral Sands, the superintendent of the naval academy, the fate of thirty midshipmen has been settled. When the hazing investigation was at its height the special board appointed by Admiral Sands collected much evidence against many of the midshipmen, of which the latter never knew. Had the old law remained unchanged each of the boys would have been hauled before a court martial and if convicted of hazing would have been dismissed from the academy. The board worked in secret and consequently none of the boys knew just how far he had been implicated by the testimony being taken from their own ranks. Meaning many of the youngsters lost ground in their studies because of the secret apprehension under which they suffered.  
Now, however, all doubt has been removed; the new law has been applied and the superintendent of the academy has been allowed to fix the punishment to be meted out to each of the midshipmen found by the board to have been implicated in hazing.  
These punishments consist of the imposition of demerits; of reduction in classes; confinement to the limits of the reservation and other penalties of minor degree, all of which have been welcomed by the culprits as infinitely to be preferred to the harsh sentence of expulsion, which has heretofore been the only punishment permitted by law.

## TEN ARE DEAD FROM WRECK

### Four Died as Result of Injuries Received

## WITTE IS DECORATED TWENTY WERE INJURED

### Collision on Pennsylvania Railroad Near Clover Creek Junction Between Chicago Mail, Eastbound, and First Section of Chicago and St. Louis Express, Westbound—No More Will Die.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Altoona, Pa., May 5.—Ten persons are dead as a result of the collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Clover Creek Junction last night. Six were killed outright and four died as a result of injuries received. About twenty of the passengers and train crew were more or less seriously injured, but as far as is known all will recover.  
The dead:  
J. W. Wagner, Millintown, Pa., postal clerk.  
J. W. Cox, Woonington, Pa., postal clerk.  
J. D. Canover, traveling salesman, for Hunker, Neff & Forbes, 117 Fifth avenue, New York.  
Unknown man.  
J. W. Herr, Jersey City, baggage master.  
The trains were known as No. 18, the Chicago mail, eastbound, and the first or Chicago section of the Chicago & St. Louis Express, westbound.  
With the exception of the lost named man, all of those killed were on the eastbound train. Nearly all of the injured were likewise on the eastbound train.  
None of the injured are likely to die. The disaster in one sense is the result of a costly freight wreck, which occurred at Union Furnace, Pa., at 8:24 o'clock last night. An eastbound freight train burst an air hose near the forward end of the train, and twenty-seven loaded cars piled up and blocked all tracks. On such occasions the Petersburg branch is used by the company for the movement of its passenger traffic.  
The Chicago section of the Chicago & St. Louis Express train No. 21, was one of the trains caught behind the wreck and it was given orders to come west to Altoona by way of the same branch. It was the first train to be started west over that branch. About the same time train No. 18, known as the Chicago Mail, left this city to round the wreck by way of the same branch, which is a single track line. The two trains met head-on a short distance east of Clover Creek Junction while running at fair speed. The collision came as a result of a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the crew of the Chicago & St. Louis Express. The two engines ploughed into each other and were wrecked as were also the coach attached to the Chicago mail train, No. 18, and five mail cars. The latter train, had the coach attached to the rear, but when it was sent south over the Petersburg branch the coach was directed back of the engine. It carried about twenty-five or thirty passengers for the east. It was almost demolished.  
The wreckage covered the track for a considerable distance and some of the killed and injured were pinned under it.  
No passenger on train No. 21 was killed. Baggage-master Herr was the only one on the train who was a victim of the wreck. His skull was fractured when he was thrown down in the car by the force of the collision and he died enroute to Altoona.  
The crew and passengers of the Chicago Mail were not so fortunate. Meanwhile four died of injuries while under the mass of wrecked mail cars and four other probably died while being conveyed to the hospital.  
Attached to the rear of the Chicago mail were five cars of horses. These cars remained on the track and were hauled back in order that the wreckers could reach the debris. A train was made up of the cars of the train No. 18 not wrecked and the killed and injured were placed aboard and brought to the hospital. The injured were taken to the hospital and the bodies of the dead delivered to undertakers to be prepared for burial.  
The freight wreck at Union Furnace was a bad one and a large force of men were sent to clear the tracks. The first track was opened at 2:15 this morning.  
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## BUILDERS WON'T BE DELAYED

### Every Facility for Restoring San Francisco

## MONEY NOT LACKING

### Representatives of Leading Steel Companies Say There Will Be No Scarcity of Material—Insurance Companies Are Paying in Large Sums.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Cal., May 5.—That every facility will be afforded the builders of a new San Francisco by the manufacturing interests of the east is apparent by the promise of representatives of all leading steel companies. The officials of the Santa Fe, Pacific Mail and American Hawaiian steamship companies have stated that no scarcity of structural steel will delay the rebuilding of the city. Structural steel is to be furnished San Francisco for the next three years as fast as it is needed, even faster than it can be riveted together in the frames of the buildings that are already being planned. More than that the promise is given that credits on past business will be extended, and payments on new orders may be deferred to the longest limit to which individual builders can legitimately be entitled.  
Money will not be wanting to back up the building operations now about to be taken up, and the insurance money, exceeding \$150,000,000, soon to be released in the community will go a long way in helping the work along. A large amount of money is already being forwarded here by the insurance companies of the United States and Europe to meet the immense losses they will have to pay. Many of the companies have, it is said, decided to reimburse their clients with spot cash at their offices or with drafts as good as coin here, and thus avoid the delay that would ensue if bills of exchange were issued on eastern or foreign money centers.  
In every section of the city the relief work is now going on without a hitch, and nowhere, as far as can be learned, is there any real distress. Another favorable feature of the situation is the prospect for a restoration of the gas supply. The gas company is now prepared to turn gas into its mains as soon as authorized. It is expected that this authorization will be given in a few days.  
Jay Gould Won.  
(By the Associated Press.)  
London, May 5.—In the final round of the amateur tennis championship of Great Britain at the Queen's Club today, Jay Gould, of Lakewood, N. J., beat H. J. Hill by 2 to 0.

## BOTH MEN ARE DEAD

### More Particulars of Rougemont Tragedy

Jno. Laws Died This Morning—He Made Statement Saying He Did Not Kill Pool—Story of An Old Grudge, Another of Whiskey.  
(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Durham, N. C., May 5.—Additional particulars of the double tragedy near Rougemont received here are that both men, Andrew Pool and Jno. Laws, are dead. Pool died instantly and Laws, whose name was first given as Moss, lingered until this morning.  
Before dying Laws made a statement, saying that he did not kill Pool, leaving the inference that there were several in the party of shooters.  
Particulars are hard to get. One version is that there had been an old grudge between the two men for years. Another is that it was a fight over whiskey. The place is isolated, and full details cannot be secured before some time tonight.

## WRECK ON A. C. L. NEAR FAYETTEVILLE

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., May 5.—The Sanford Fayetteville mixed train on the Atlantic Coast Line was wrecked at Manchester, twelve miles from this city, at noon, the caboose and one car heavily killed in the yard at Salisbury two years ago. The plaintiff sued for \$50,000.

## VERDICT \$15,000 AGAINST ROAD.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Charlotte, N. C., May 5.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Nettie W. Haynes against the Southern Railway returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for fifteen thousand dollars. Tyler Haynes, the husband of the plaintiff, was killed in the yard at Salisbury two years ago. The plaintiff sued for \$50,000.

## BATTLE WITH RIOTERS

### Police and Italian Strikers in Passaic

## A BIG FIRE IN KNOXVILLE TODAY.

### Knockville, Tenn., May 5.—Fire causing loss estimated at \$125,000 occurred in the wholesale business section of Gay street, early today. The chief losses are Littlefield & Stevens, candy manufacturers, in whose establishment the fire started, McMillan, Hazen & Company, shoe dealers, and McBeck-Hazbriht Company, clothing manufacturers.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Passaic, N. J., May 5.—In a battle between riotous Italian strikers and the police today four of the rioters were shot and a number of the policemen injured. One of the men shot may die. Thirty-two men were made prisoners by the police.  
The riot took place about the building of the Daily Herald, which is being erected at Central Avenue and Monroe street, where a strike of diggers and shovel men was begun a few days ago. About 150 strikers appeared at the building today and tried to induce the concrete workers in the building to join in the strike. Four policemen who were on guard were temporarily overpowered, and reinforcements were sent from the police station. A battle ensued, in which four of the strikers were shot and nearly every policeman engaged was injured. Policeman Gustave Schmidt was struck on the head with bricks and badly hurt, but the rioters were put to flight after two hundred shots were fired. The police pursued the rioters and routed them out of a stone quarry, whence they fled into the woods.  
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## WILL BUSBEE KILLED BY FAST TRAIN TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Salisbury, N. C., May 5.—Train No. 37 this morning collided in a side-wipe with a work train, knocking the tender from the engine of the freight and throwing it upon Will Busbee, a white man who was walking the path of the road. He was instantly killed, his face being frightfully battered. The responsibility of the wreck is placed upon the work trainmen who did not clear the track before allowing the fast train to enter the yard.  
Several mail clerks were knocked down and one was bruised. The engine on No. 37 was so disabled that it had to be replaced.

## BLIND TIGERS IN DURHAM.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Durham, N. C., May 5.—The police officers here continue to hammer those who sell whiskey without license. One defendant was tried on two charges today and yesterday there was one case.  
The cases tried yesterday and today were interesting. Walter Hobbs was arrested yesterday on the charge of selling whiskey, and Jim Lewis, another negro, was the witness against him. Lewis said he had purchased whiskey from Hobbs. Hobbs admitted the charge was correct and added: "But, Mr. Mayor, he has sold more than I have." He was questioned, and Hobbs swore he had purchased whiskey from Lewis on many occasions, fixing two dates. Today Lewis was sent to court.  
During the fiscal year that has just closed the police made a total of 144 arrests on the charge of selling whiskey.

## JUNE 30 DATE CONVENTION 10TH.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Asheville, N. C., May 5.—The democratic congressional executive committee of the tenth district met here this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of selecting a time and place for holding the convention. Asheville was chosen the place of meeting, and Saturday, June 30, the date.

## CAR REPAIRER LOSES HIS LEG.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Salisbury, N. C., May 5.—E. B. McCullum, an employe of the Southern Railway at Spencer, was run over last night and one leg cut off below the knee. He was under the car making some repairs when a shifter ran into his train and caused this injury. He is at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium.

## NO ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE

### Scale Committee's Recommendation Adopted

## ADVICE OF MITCHELL

### Miners Will Go Back to Work Upon Terms of Award of Strike Commission of 1903—Will Seek Bettering of Conditions Later by Arbitration.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Scranton, Pa., May 5.—There will be no strike of the anthracite miners. That is a settled conclusion, for such is the advice of President Mitchell and National Secretary-Treasurer Wilson and other of the leaders, who today addressed the convention of the miners before the report of the scale committee was presented. Their addresses fully forecasted the report which the committee would make. The suspension order will be raised, and the miners will go back to work upon the terms of the award of the anthracite strike commission of 1903, which the operators were willing to have continued, and will later seek to obtain through the conciliation board or by arbitration the bettering of conditions which they complain are working hardships on them.  
The report of the scale committee recommending the return of the miners to work under the anthracite commission's award was adopted by the convention after thirty-five minutes discussion. The convention adjourned until Tuesday to give the scale committee opportunity to confer with the operators.

## KRAMER WON BICYCLE RACE.

(By the Associated Press.)  
London, May 5.—Frank Kramer of Vallsburg, N. J., the American champion bicyclist, won the international professional mile bicycle race at the Crystal Palace today, defeating Thorwald Ellegaard, the Danish rider, and J. R. Benyon, the British ex-amateur champion, in the order named. Time, two minutes, 7 2-5 seconds.

## The Frisco Exodus.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Cal., May 5.—According to official figures the Southern Pacific Company, during the exodus from San Francisco following the earthquake and fire, carried 296,000 free passengers. This total is for the nine days from April 18 to April 26. Of these passengers 67,000 were carried to interior California, 7,681 to other states and 226,000 to suburban points around San Francisco Bay. The value of this free transportation is \$456,000. In addition, during the nine days mentioned, 185,000 persons paid their way out of San Francisco.

## VIRGINIA PLAYING A. & M. HERE TODAY

\* A big game of baseball is what is scheduled for this afternoon at the Fair grounds when the A. and M. team goes up against the team of the University of Virginia.  
The Virginia boys are working for the Southern Collegiate Championship and if they can beat the A. and M. team this afternoon they will claim it over Carolina, as the A. and M. team has already beaten Carolina.  
The A. and M. boys, however, are confident that their chances of victory are very fine. Judging from the big games the A. and M.'s have played when all of the team were in good condition and not on the sick list, the game this afternoon is going to be as hard fought a battle as has been played here this year.  
It is announced that Susong, the collegian with the wonderful curves, will be in the box for Virginia, while McCathran, the A. and M. lad whose box work has done both Georgetown and Carolina, will do the twirling for his team.  
The game will be called at 4 o'clock, and the admission price is 50 cents.