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MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

Advocates Postal Saving Bank, Ship Subsidy, Civil Pensions, Economy

THE ZELAYA AFFAIR

Government Will Take Such Steps in Nicaragua as May be Found Necessary to Protect American Interests...

The message of President Taft was communicated to the congress today. Contrary to expectation in some quarters it is a very lengthy document.

"At the date when this message is printed, this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government, for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires...

"Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial as usual. As the representative of Japan, His Imperial Highness Prince Kuni visited the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guest of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been no agreed received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific...

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue. The deficit of the current year, prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been declared by statute.

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$34,075,820.

ceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama Canal. I approve this proposal.

"In order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year, I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible consistent with imperative governmental necessity.

Most of the great industrial organizations, and many of the well-conducted railways of this country, are coming to the conclusion that a system of pensions for old employees, and the substitution thereof for younger and more energetic servants, promotes both economy and efficiency of the administration.

frauds in the collection of customs. I regret to refer to the fact of the discovery of extensive frauds in the collection of customs revenue at New York City, in which a number of the subordinate employees in the weighing and other departments were directly concerned, and in which the beneficiaries were the American Sugar Refining Company and others.

Criminal prosecutions are now proceeding against a number of the government officers. The treasury department and the department of justice are exerting every effort to discover all the wrongdoers, including the officers and employees of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud.

In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, I have required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year, which bring the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year.

The coast defenses of the United States proper are generally all that could be desired, and in some respects they are rather more elaborate than under present conditions are needed to stop an enemy's fleet from entering the harbors defended.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Expedition in Legal Procedure. The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received attention of committees of the American Bar Association, and of many State Bar Associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists.

WORK OF THE HOUSE

Buckles Down to a Long Session

Enough Bills Already Before House to Keep It Busy for Many Months. Two Important Resolutions Call for Investigation of Sugar Frauds.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 7.—The house buckles down to business today for a session that may last to early June. The public and private bills and resolutions introduced yesterday to say nothing of those introduced during the extra session, numbered over 1,200, and ought to furnish enough material to keep the house busy for several months.

Two important resolutions called for investigation of the sugar fraud scandals but as the administration is opposed to any such action it is safe to assume that the resolutions, if reported, will be voted down. The resolutions were referred to the committee on rules, which is dominated by the speaker. This means an adverse report but there are many members who say they will insist on a record vote.

The committees of the house will organize today and distribute the bills before them to a sub-committee for consideration. The committees having appropriation bills to prepare will get busy and hearings will be begun by the agriculture, postoffice and postroads, military, naval affairs, foreign affairs, committees in a few days. The appropriations committee has already framed the outlines of the big bills, and Chairman Fawney has set to work to make a record for the session by bringing in the legislative bill just before the holiday recess.

CHARLEY WHITE MAY REFEREE THE GAME

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 7.—Now that the final stakeholder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight has been picked and the \$40,000 forfeit and side bets are in the hands of "Big Tim" Sullivan—Timothy D. Sullivan, the politician, the principal remaining problem is the refereeing.

The two principal candidates today are Charley White, for the east, and Eddie Graney, for the west. There is every indication that White, or at least some man from the east, will be the third man in the ring. The principals and the promoters have declared that they wish to get as far away as possible from the chance of the familiar "nativist" yell that has gone up after so many of the big goes.

White is one of the best known sporting men in this part of the country and has all kinds of experiences with big affairs of the kind. Eddie Graney was one of the unsuccessful bidders for the contest. That is likely to mitigate the chances of his being chosen. He is now on his way back to San Francisco, with contracts with several big billiard players to show at his establishment in San Francisco.

According to the report "Big Tim" Sullivan had the forfeit, etc., passed to him in a boat out at sea. The parties to the deal were not taking any chance with anti-prise fight laws, and the only way they could have been got at would have been as pirates. The general belief, however, is that the boat was much nearer the Knickerbocker hotel.

JEROME WILL PROSECUTE THE PHOENIX

After Secret Conference Attorney Prepares to Initiate Criminal Proceedings

A BIG SHORTAGE

District Attorney Jerome Does Not State Whether He Will Act Against the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company or Not—President Sheldon Now at His Home at Greenwich, Conn., in Dying Condition and Has Not Been Informed of State of Affairs—Sheldon Accused of Speculation With Companies Money.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 7.—After a secret conference with State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss which lasted the greater part of the night, District Attorney Jerome today prepared to initiate criminal proceedings in the case of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, whose books have revealed a shortage of \$1,000,000.

The district attorney would not state whether or not he intended acting against George P. Sheldon, deposed president of the company, who was reported dying today in his home at Greenwich, Conn. Sheldon is charged with being responsible for the \$1,000,000 shortage. "I now have full knowledge of the existing conditions in the Phoenix Company," said Mr. Jerome, "and I shall act accordingly. Further than that I can say nothing at this time."

A general investigation and possibly suits involving the financial institutions and brokerage houses with which Sheldon operated was predicted today.

CONTRACTOR DROPS DEAD

(Special to The Times) Durham, N. C., Dec. 7.—A. W. Douglas, a contractor, dropped dead this morning on top of Duke's factory, where he was at work with three other men. The builder was doing some repairing when he fell, but was prevented from falling to the ground by the fitness of the structure and when let down was dropped through the skylight. He was fifty years old and recently completed the contract for moving B. N. Duke's house.

One Million Pounds Sold on Lexington Market Yesterday. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Lexington, Ky., Dec. 7.—One million pounds of tobacco were sold on the Lexington market yesterday, this being the greatest amount ever sold in a single day since the opening of the warehouse several years ago. Some of the tobacco brought phenomenal prices. The highest price of the day was \$22 per 100. Buyers from every section of the country attended the sale, the American Tobacco Company being the largest purchaser.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

Will be Formally Opened in City of Wadesboro Tonight

Pastors' Conference Was Held Last Night and W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, Was Re-elected President. Dr. Carlyle Will Not be a Candidate for Re-election and Several Names Are Mentioned for President of Convention.

(Special to The Times) Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—The Pastors' Conference of the North Carolina Baptists held an interesting session last night. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, was re-elected president and J. L. Vipperman, of Spencer, secretary. There was a large attendance of pastors. Rev. Baylus Cade, of Shelby, delivered a magnificent address this evening on the theme, "Preachers opportunity in the twentieth century."

The organization of the convention will follow. President Carlyle has already announced that he will not accept the office for another year and the friends of a number of prominent laymen have been busy for some time. The result of the election cannot be foretold. The names that are mentioned are: John E. Ray, of Raleigh; W. Cary Dowd, of Charlotte; J. H. Tucker, of Asheville; A. D. Ward, of New Bern; and T. M. Arrington, of Rocky Mount.

BLIZZARD IN WEST DELAYS TRAFFIC

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 7.—The first blizzard and real snow storm of the winter, which struck Chicago during the night, resulted in delayed transportation, caused thousands of persons to arrive late for work and caused much suffering and hardships among the poor today. Railroad trains were reported from one to sixteen hours late on many of the lines entering the city from the west. As the heavy snowfall continued it was predicted that transportation within the city and in the middle western states was liable to almost completely demoralized.

Durham Lady Contributes Work of Art to States Industries. (Special to The Times) Durham, Dec. 7.—Mrs. William Morris has issued a pretty little brochure from the Seaman Printing entitled "Down Home."

Mrs. Morris is a very humorous piece of versification in which an ante-bellum negro is the hero. Mrs. Morris is an artist and illustrated her own work. The jingle is quite good and there is argument of real racial worth in the five artistically printed pages that were gotten up for her by Mr. Seaman.

and is paid \$100 for it. He takes the money, not with any great joy over northern philanthropy, but because he needs it to come home on. The pamphlet is being sold by the Durham Book and Stationery Company and though but two days old, is being greatly admired by Durham friends of Mrs. Morris.

FRIGHTENED PRISONERS. Alarmed the Neighborhood—Thought Negro Preacher Had Been Stricken Dead by the Hand of God. (Special to The Times) Wilson, Dec. 7.—Sunday morning an old crazy negro preacher was lodged in the county jail until room could be made for him in the asylum at Goldsboro. When the key was turned on him he began to rant, preach and pray, and called on the Lord to strike him dead in his tracks. He at once fell to the floor and the screams from the prisoners attracted large crowds around the jail. One female prisoner, who was peeping through the bars, and whose eyes protruded like a crab, yelled to the crowd, saying: "Somebody go to the sheriff; Gawd has knocked de life out ob dat ole foolish nigger preacher Jes cause he axed him ter".

DR. HARRIS DEAD. Dr. Hal H. Harris Passes Away at Wake Forest. (Special to The Times) Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 7.—Dr. Hal H. Harris died at his home, about a mile from Wake Forest, last night at 7 o'clock. Bright's disease was the cause of his death. He had been in declining health for some time but not seriously ill till last Saturday.

THE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE. Is Practically Broken and Trains Are Running as Usual. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—The switchmen's strike on the North-western railroads is practically broken and freight trains are running as usual. St. Paul and Minneapolis jobbers declare they are delivering holiday goods along all lines to the Pacific coast and that the railroads have enough men to handle the traffic. Many of the striking switchmen have returned to work.

At St. Saviour's Chapel. "How the Strong Grew" is the title of a play to be given by the parish workers of St. Saviour's Chapel on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The play is given for the benefit of the piano fund and the admission price is twenty-five cents.

Two Blind Tigers Bound to Court by Commissioner Nichols. Charles House, of Wendell, and Walter Bridgers, of Raleigh, both colored, were tried before United States Commissioner Nichols this morning for selling whiskey. The evidence of their guilt was conclusive and bond in the sum of \$100 each was required of them for their appearance at court, which they succeeded in giving.

MRS. CLARK ILL. Mrs. Judge Clark is Seriously Ill at Her Home, 440 Halifax Street. The condition of Mrs. Walter Clark, who has been ill since Saturday, is reported today as being serious, and her relatives have been notified. Her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Erwin, of Morganton, has arrived at the bedside.

Two Tigers Sent Up. This addition to Raleigh, according to the city letter carries route books in the city post office contains 932 residences, with a population of 4,152, which does not include 250 teachers, nurses and employees; 145 veterans in Soldiers Home, 139 children in the orphanage, 423 boarding pupils; 234 patients in the State Hospital; and 121 prisoners in the penitentiary. If the above were included (some of them should be counted) the total inhabitants in the annexed territory visited by the city delivery service is 5,500.

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Recital Tonight. This evening at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium of St. Mary's School the music pupils of Prof. E. Billings will give a recital to which the public is invited.

ARE GETTING READY FOR NEXT CENSUS

Census Supervisor W. C. Pearson Has Opened Headquarters Here 133 ENUMERATORS

Census Supervisor W. C. Pearson is Here Making Arrangements to Open Headquarters—Offices Will be in the Masonic Temple—There Will be 133 Enumerators in This District—Census Taking Will Begin April 15—Seven Towns Being Incorporated in This County Since 1900—Corporate Limits of Raleigh Have Been Enlarged.

Mr. W. C. Pearson, of Chatham, supervisor of the census for this district, is in Raleigh arranging to open his headquarters here. He has engaged rooms in the Masonic Temple. Mr. Pearson says there will be 133 enumerators in his district and they will begin work April 15. In the rural districts the enumerators are given 30 days to do their work and in the cities two weeks.

While five months remains before the enumerators will begin their rounds yet a vast amount of preliminary work has been done and data collected as to county, township and municipal boundaries and changes which have been made since the census of 1900. Most of this information has been secured by Mr. Pearson through correspondence and the facts then sent Director of the Census Bureau at Washington where it is carefully systematized.

Wendell, March 6, 1903, area one square mile. The boundaries were changed by chapter 221, 1907, making the limits in the form of a regular octagon inscribed in a circle whose radius is half a mile with the intersection of the Norfolk & Southern track and main street as the center. Garner, March 4, 1905. The boundaries were again changed Feb. 27, 1907, making the well at Rand's Store the starting point the lines running one mile with the railroad track and a quarter of a mile wide.

Zebulon, February 16, 1907; the boundaries are square 3,600x3,600 feet. Bonds, on the Wake-Chatham line, March 1, 1907, on Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Royal Cotton Mills Village, near Wake Forest, March 5, 1907. New Hill, March 7, 1907. Fuquay Springs, April 27, 1909; the boundaries being a square 2,640x2,640 feet.

During the decade the corporate limits of Wake Forest have been changed twice and Raleigh once. Raleigh's Population. For the first time in half a century the corporate limits of the city of Raleigh were on July 1, 1907 extended so that the city now embraces an area of 13.4 square miles instead of 1.34 square miles. It is interesting to see what effect this will have upon the number of inhabitants in Raleigh. Nearly all this added territory of 2.14 square miles, which includes St. Mary's, Peace Institute, St. Augustine, the Methodist Orphanage, the State Hospital and the Soldiers Home, is now served by the city letter carriers.

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