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THE SENATE GIVEN UP TO

Final Scenes In the Senate Marked by Much Jollification

BUT LITTLE WORK DONE

Senate Has a Little Business to Transact While Waiting on the Humored Speeches on Outlandish Subjects-Members Express Feel- interest Friday. Made.

President Newland convened the senate at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Eubanks making the invocation.

A message was received from the house transmitting a report that the house had failed to concur in the senate amendment striking Rowan, Wake and Guilford from the subcontractors lien law. Senator Hobgood, Boyden and Sikes were appointed as members of the conference committee on the part of the senate. The committee afterwards reported that the senate had receded and Rowan was put back in the bill. The report was adopted.

The senate took a recess for ten minutes to ascertain how much work remained to be done in the enrolling clerk's office and found out that if final adjournment was taken at 11 o'clock no more bills could be pass-Only a few unimportant local bills were left on the calendar.

Although the senators were worn out and weary from the strenuous duties of latter days of the session. they all appeared in a happy frame of mind and spent the time very pleasantly recounting various incidents of the session of the general assembly. They simply waited for the remaining bills to be enrolled for ratification.

The joint resolution authorizing the governor to appoint two commissioners to adjust a settlement of accounts between the State of North Carolina and the United States government passed and was ordered en-

The senate concurred in the house time in which optometrists may reg-Ister to 24 1-4 weeks.

Senator Bassett paid a high tribute to Mrs. Mary Speed Mercer, of Edgecombe county, author of a national anthem, which has been adopted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The song was read by the reading clerk.

The senators were entertained during the recess by popular and patrictic music by the Confederate Drum Corps.

At 10:15 the senate took another recess for twenty minutes. Merriment and follification reigned every-(Continued on Page Two.)

EARNINGS OF THE AMERICAN TOBOCCO CO

New York, March 8-The American Tobacco Company, known as the "tobacco trust", in its annual report made of Mexico, stated that his government public today, announced that Its net earnings for the year ending December 31, last, were \$35,045,352, an in-crease of \$4,596,068 over the previous

After making various deductions for dividends, etc., a balance is left of \$25,035,311 being an increase of \$4,708,-This increase is equal to 63.2 per-cent earned on common stock against

Crew Facing Death.

50,5 percent the previous year.

Norfolk, Va., March 8-With glant waves piled up by a 48 mile gale sweeping over the ship and breaking up her decks, snow falling and the tem-perature freezing, the 35 men in the the stranded British steamship Manchuria, ashore on the coast three miles from Little Island, life saving station, are facing death. The vessel struck the beach during yes-terday's thick weather and lay too far out for the life savers from Little Island to get a line to her, white the Island to get a line to her, launch a lity; if you cannot do it, we will," is President Taft.

Convention of Southern Commercial Congress

enator Fletcher and Secretary Wilson, the Principal Speakers Today -General Carr Responds to Address of Welcome.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., March 8-The third antual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress which opens in Atlanta today will assume national importance because of the participation of President Taft, former President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of W ar Dickinson Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, John Barrett, director of the bureau of American Republics, and many mer of national prominence.

Senator Fletcher and Secretary Wilson were the principal figures on to-Clerks But Most of the Morning day's program. Colonel Roosevelt and Session is Taken Up With Good Mr. Barrett will feature the sessions Thursday and President Taft and Secretary Dickinson will be the centers of

At the opening session today John ingly the Close Friendships That M. Parker, for three years president Sixty Days of Association Have of the Southern Commercial Congress, stated th at the aims and purposes of the association. Governor Joseph M. Brown,

Georgia, extended the formal welcome which was responded to by Genera Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C. Ed-win L. Quaries, secretary of the congress, read a general statement of the congress movement. Southern patriotism in business en-

deavor was the subject of an address by Asa G. Chandler, formerly president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. The closing address of the morning session was by Senator Fletcher, of Florida, on "The Southern Rennalssance." Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will

deliver the first address of the afternoon session at 3 o'clock on "The Agricultural Obligation of the South." Edwin Hines, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association will discuss "Perpetuating the South's Lumber Wealth.

George W. Perkins, the banker, of New York, will speak on "Business Efficiency in Southern Progress." Arthur Kavanaugh, cashier of the National City Bank, of New York, speaks on "Opportunities in Southern Finance," while Arthur M. Harris, bond broker of New York, concludes the afternoon session with a discussion of "The Field for Southern Bonds."

At the session tonight representatives of sixteen southern states will deliver brief addresses on the resources and opportunities of those states.

Taft Starts Tomorrow Night.

Washington, March 8-President Taft will leave on his southern trip tonorrow night but during his stay in the south he will keep in close touch with affairs in Washington and Texas relative to the mobilization of the army of 20,000 regulars near the Mexican border.

While the president is travelling

especially arranged telegraphic system amendment to the bill limiting the will keep him hourly informed of all

Mr. Taft will go first to Atlanta and thence to Augusta to rest. He will deliver one speech, that before the Southern Commercial Congress in At-

MANEUVERS A PRETEXT.

Conference Between Root and Secre tary Dickinson.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 8-Senator Root, of New York, former secretary of war and former secretary of state, was in conference with Secretary of War Dickinson for an hour today. He would not discuss, nor would Secretary Dickinson, the purpose of the conference, but it is reported that he was called upon for expert opinion upon the Mexican situation.

Major General Wood, chief of staff, declined to give out any information

today. Senor De La Barra, the Mexican ambassador, before leaving for New York today, to meet Finance Minister has been informed by the United States of the war manoeuvers, and that the action of the United States had the hearty approval of the Diaz government.

It is understood that Minister Liconfer with President Taft. The expectation is that he will reach here

That the army manoeuvers in admitted at the war department today, when it was stated that no Kingsburg, of South Coventry, Conn., plans had been made for a 'war

Three billions of American, English and German capital investigated in Mexico are said here today in diplomatic circles to have been the prime factor in forcing the United ers, who would be adversely effected States to mobilize troops on the bor. by increased postage rates on magader at this critical juncture.



Austin Lee, formerly Made eine DeWolff, of New York, and also Mrs. Taylor, of Washington, who of late has been the object of a bitter attack by Paris newspapers, as the result of the revival of the famous controversy. The newspaper L'Action Francaise has repeated its astounding charge that the distinguished American lady, wife of Sir Henry Austin Lee, Commercial Attache of the British Embassy in Paris, was a paid spy of England. She is specifically accused of having invited officers of the war department to her home and given them excessive hospitality and then wormed out of them secrets of mobilization and other army secrets

reported to have been practically the nature of the ultimatum made to the United States by the two foreign powers. The financial powers of Europe and the United States demanded that the revolution, already proving a serious loss to their investments, proceeded no further.

The United States has been embarrassed by the fact that powerful American interests have been backing the Madero insurrection with money and moral support. It is believed protests have been lodged by foreign governments with the state department against this condition of

Some officials are saying today that if American troops cross the Rio will never return, and that intervenwill ultimately mean annexa tion. This talk, however, is discount ed since the United States has never cherished designs against Mexico.

Great Britain is said to have init lated the diplomatic proceedings which culminated in the sensational developments of yesterday. The coming of the finance minister, Limantour, of Mexico, to Washington, is eagerly awaited.

Owing to the mobilization of troops on the Mexican border, the class at the army medical school here will be terminated within ten days, so that the physicians and surgeons instructing students there may go to the

TRIAL FOR DEFRAUDING.

Brokerage Firm Got \$500,000 From Dupes All Over Country.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 8-Alleged duper from all parts of the country testified today before United States Judge Hough at the trial of George H. Monroe, of the brokerage firm of Munroe & Munroe, who is accused of using the mails to defraud investors out of \$500,000.

Munroe and Munroe advertised extensively that they had stock of the the train service. An increase of wages Marconi Wireless Company for sale. They received many orders accompanied by cash, but it is charged that mantour is coming to Washington to the investors never received the stock.

Ills.; Mrs. Mary Ellen Sike, of Phoe-Texas are only a pretext was tacitly nix, Ariz.; the Rev. Robert L. Bachlman, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Addison and Carl E. Lundin, of Hartford, ments are effective March L.

Postal Rates.

Washington, March 8-It was learned here today that the periodical publishwith the commission appointed

PREPARING FOR TROOPS

Great Preparations At San Antonio For Troops

Fifty Troop Trains in Motion and the Vanguard Expected to Arrive Tomorrow Morning - Preparations Only Equalled in Actual Warfare.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Antonio, Texas, March 8-With fifty troop trains in motion towards San Antonio by midnight tonight and with the vanguard of the army of 20,000 United States regulars expected tomorrow morning, preparations on a scale only equalled in times of actual warfare went forward here today. Brigadier General Joseph W. Duncan, commanding the department of Texas; Colonel John G. Clement, chief quartermaster, and Major G. H. Morgan, acting under he order of Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, in Washington, directed the preparations. The clerks were on duty all night.

At Fort Sam Houston, a tract of and sfx hundred acres in extent is being made ready for the canton ments of the troops. On account of the inadequacy of the water supply workmen were busily engaged today laying a water main to the encamp ment grounds to connect with the city

The infantry, cavalry and artillery will each be allotted to a separate section of the ground.

There is no danger of a scarcity of food for the commisary department was busy all night ordering vast quantities of rations from the supply

Ten train loads of soldiers and their equipment will be received by the Southern Pacific at New Orleans tonight. The M. K. & Texas and the 1899. International & Great Northern will handle the troops from St. Louis, Kansas City and the northwest.

At least 3,000 cavalry will b brought here and long platforms have been erected for the unloading of the horses and the removal of the ar tillery from railroad cars.

Many of the officers are bringing they expect a long stay near the Mex-Ican border.

More Troops.

Washington, March 8-While Major General Wood and officers of the general staff of the army preserved absolute stience this morning regarding the unprecedented movement of troops yesterday towards the Mexican border, it leaked out today Grande to end the civil strife, they that orders are being prepared for the despatch of more troops. These orders probably will be issued t night.

Complete secrecy shrouds the wa department this morning, which pre sents scenes of activity never wit nessed since the war with Spain.

The marine corps headquarters is equally busy.

No Statement From White House. Washington, March 8-At the white house this morning it was given out that President Taft would not issue any statement regarding the movement of troops toward Mexico It was intimated that the president's statement yesterday fully explains

The News In London. London, March 8-The United

SETTLEMENT REACHED AS TO WAGE SCALE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, March 8-After weeks of vage negotiations a settlement has been reached, between the Wabash railroad officials and the employes in was granted. The railroad officials also agreed to give th e brotherhoods a schedule between Detroit and Buffalo over the Grand Trunk Line.

An increase of 10 percent is grant Among the witnesses who appeared troit and Toledo. Ten percent advance today were John H. Burns, of Peoria, in rates for conductors and trainme in the freight service west of Chicago tive engineers will be advanced to the same rates agreed to recently by the western railroads, All these agree

Firemen Caught Under Wall.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) York, March 8-A wall of the building at 995 Third Avenue which belief that several others were burned.



Mrs. H. C. Corbin, the beautiful widow of the late Major General Corbin, who is reported to be engaged to marry J. G. Schmidlapp, millionaire financier and one of the republican leaders of Cincinnati. The engagement, which it is believed will be announced formally in a few days, is another of the many romances which began with the famous Taft Philippine junket. Mrs. Corbin was Miss Edythe Patten, one of the famous Patten sisters, noted Washington beauties, and ber marriage to General Corbin was one of the most brilliant ever held in Washington, Mr. Schmidlapp has been a widower since

States will co-operate with the Mexican government in suppressing the insurrection in Mexico, according to a statement given to the National News Association by the Mexican Minister here today. He characterized the Mexican rebels as bandits whose aim is to prey upon property their wives with them, evidence that and not to upset the republicans government through political aims. His

> "The United States government" actions tends to show that it will cooperate with the Diaz government in suppressing the insurgents. The trouble in Mexico is not of a political nature at all. There is the possibility, of course, that the United States troops are being massed along the border to preserve neutrality although the Mexican government is ully capable of protecting foreign olution is the work of marauders in the north, who immediately disperse upon the approach of Mexican troops, reassembling in other districts. Mexico can protect the lives son turn over everything in his posand property of foreigners with her own soldiers."

Statements published in London newspapers that the United States is mobilizing as a result of demands confirmation in official circles today. The British government so far has announced no course of action.

Excitement In Mexico.

Mexico City, March 8-If American soldlers had actually invaded Mexico and were now marching on the capital no greater excitement could be apparent than that shown today over he massing of a United States army apon the Mexican frontier.

Coupled with the highly censored north and the unofficial reports that elements prevail to make up a situation of turmoil greater than that at any other time since the rebel revolution started last year.

The residents of the capital receivfrom General Cosio, nominally minister of war, that the Americans contemplate nothing further than mimic warfare on their own soil for the purposes of maneuvers, but this did sick quiet the disturbing rumors. Some reports were so extreme as to without foundation.

Anti-American feeling ran strong and Mexican flags were everywhere displayed. Knots of excited men gathered in the streets denouncing termed. In some instances orators ejected from office, and the voters of was gutted by fire last night, sud- were stopped in the midst of impas- Wake county know why. denly collapsed today. Several firemen sioned tirades against the Americans were caught beneath it. They were by the police. The government took

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CAMPAIGN DEBT PAID DRIM Henry G. Holding of Wake

Mr. W. E. Stinson, One of the Best Road Men Wake County Has Ever Had, is Sent to the Block-Com missioner W. C. Brewer Sounds Note of Warning. But it is Not And at Conclusion of Music

Forest, Made Supervisor

The expected has happened. The preliction of a week or more ago has ome true. The head of Mr. W. E stinson has gone to the block, and Henry G. Holding, of Wake Forest, or circue of three votes becomes the ext supervisor of roads for Wake Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt was invited

o appear before the board and give them a talk on road matters and this morning he accepted the invitation, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt appeared this perging in the interest of good roads te declared to get the very best re sults, the roads must be under the supervision of a competent road monwho is familiar with road location ad work and road maintainance. It essary that he have the knowledge and be familiar with actual road work You have here in Wake county about \$52,000 to spend annually in road work onstruction of permanent roads. The carion of roads. The greatest enemy a road is water, and could we ge of that we would have no trouble our roads, so we must take care of that. The suggestion I want to aske is to hire the very best engineer ou can get in charge of your road At present we cannot pay the tigh price given to best men, but we an life a good engineer, and put unor him a man who will carry out the ournetions of the engineer. ted the experience of Franklinton ownship, Franklin county, and said had an excellent system of roads. so I suggest that the thing for you o do, is simply employ a competent ond engineer and let him dictate as tood building, and employ a man inder him who will carry out the intractions and therefore give you upto-date roads in Wake county. He suggested some special machinery to carry ver the dirt road to keep them in

good condition and hard, He discussed the different kinds of wads, dirt, tar and asphalt, and others, and suggested that the county build

permanent rouds.
In closing he helterated the suggesons that a competent road engineer and let him have the general road upervision and let the road superinendent act under him.

Mr. Beckwith read the new law pass d by the present general assembly egarding the election of a "general upervisor" of the public Wake county, and stated that this morning the office of "general superrisor" is vacant and the board may take any action they please.

Chairman Johnson said he was anxnce and declared nominations in order County Attorney B. C. Beckwith lrew up a resolution declaring the office of general superintendent of roads session to the general supervisor, Franklin moved that the resolution be idopted and it was seconded by Mr. Lynn, Mr. Brewer objected very feelingly to the resolutions, and declared it was simply a political move to get made by Great Britain receive no rid of a good man and make room for son's good work and his saving of He declared he could not sit still with his mouth shut, and see a thing like this go through. The resoutions were adopted, Johnson, Lynn and Franklin voting ave: Brewer and hamblee voting, no.

The adopted resolution is as follows: Resolved. That the office of superin Wake is vacant, and that the same be and is hereby declared vacant; and AMERICAN MONEY endent of roads for the county of that W. E. Stinson here-to-fore superintendent of roads for said county be reports of insurrecto successes in the and is hereby directed or demanded President Diaz is critically III all the of roads for the county of Wake all property of every description in his charge or possession belonging to said county of Wake, or which has come nto his hands as such superintendent of roads, and surrender to said general ed government assurance today the forces, camps and the affairs of pertaining to the road work of said ounty. The board named the salary, \$1,500

Applications for the office of supernot quell the excitement; nor did his W. L. Wiggs, C. L. Woodall, J. F. declaration that President Diaz is not Jones, W. F. Stewart, R. B. Seawell, W. F. Smith, A. M. Thompson and the name of Henry Holding was placed before the board by Chairman D. T. state that Diaz is dying. These were Johnson, The name of J. W. Bailey apcept Mr. Stinson. The vote showed: Holding, 3 votes; Stinson, 1; W. L. Wiggs, 1, and Mr. Holding was declared elected. Thus paying of campaign debts continue, and one of the best road mer the "gringos," as the Americans are Wake county has ever had has been

for the new supervisor

A Commission Government for our der at this critical juncture.

zines are organizing a commission were caught beneath it. They were by the police. The government took among themselves which will cooperate taken out badly injured. Search of stern measures to preserve quiet and city means progress. Vote for it on the debris was at once begin in the

Messers Horne and McGill Give Rebel Yell

House Listens to Drum Corps ,Sings the "Old North State" and Lastens to Many Speeches of Felicitation Wave of Good Feeling Takes Possession of the Members and They Enjoy Themselves to the Utmost While Waiting on the Clerks for the Finishing Touches.

The house met at 9:30 o'clock Speaker Dowd presiding, and Rev. Dr. O'Kelly, of Raleigh, offered raver.

Senate bill to allow \$25.00 . a nonth for an assistant librarian was objected to. Several members favored it, but others called attention to the resolution of Tuesday night, that no new legislation should be attempted at this session, and the bill went to the table.

Senate amendments to the trucking ill were read and a conference committee asked. Mr. Ray, of Macon, oujected to any further "messin' with this bill." He said the whole scheme was paternalistic. People in his county and all through the mounains raised colts and bables. They could help it, but they didn't, and it was nobody's business to fault them for it. But they were not asking an appropriation of this legislature for nursing bottles for either the colts or he babies. (Laughter and applause.) As good as a strawberry is, it isn't any gooder than a baby. Laughter and applause.) If we protect one, lets protect the other. The democratic party pretends to be against the protection theory. I think I am a democrat, none of us now in these days what we are. it eems, or where we are at. But I now I shall not consent, with these empty seats here, to have to have any conference committee with the senate

on this bill. Mr. Kellum here announced that he bill had gone back to the senate to have the amendments struck out. Senate bill to amend the revisal elative to costs of referees courts and requiring bond, etc., was laid on the table.

The house concurred in senate amendment to the sub-contractors ien bill. It was ordered enrolled or ratification.

Several other bills came over from he senate. All being unimportant hey were concurred in.

The only new bill or resolution vas one by Turlington, of Iredell. thanking Andrew Joyner, special reporter for the press, for accurate and

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IN MEXICAN REPUBLI

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 8-The Pan-American Union's estimate of American nvestment in Mexico three years ago was nearly a billion dollars. It estimates today that the investment bas ncreased a half billion dollars in the three years.

A recent consular report from Gugd lajara gives this table of the distribuion of American capital in that one district:

Mines \$4,000,000; merchandise \$500,000; panks \$250,000; manufacturers niscellaneous \$200,000; total \$5.450 About 8,000 American citizens re

the City of Mexico alone.

Between 1886 and 1908 the total inestment in Mexico was \$1,908,000 in Mexican currency. Th equivalent in American money is

which this enormous investment, had not worked its way in the southern re-

will be giad to know that he lift