

Immigration Bill is Signed Today by President Coolidge

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WILL GIVE REASONS FOR HIS OPPOSITION

Has Begun Preparation of a Statement Expressing His Disapproval of the Action of Congress.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.—The immigration bill was signed today by President Coolidge.

Despite the provision making Japanese exclusion effective next July 1st, put into the measure over his vigorous opposition, the President decided because of other considerations to give the executive approval necessary to spread the legislation on the statute books.

It was pointed out that inasmuch as the present immigration law expires on June 30, a veto might have made it necessary to rush through an emergency measure in the closing hours of the session.

Such a step, the President felt, would not be practicable in view of the tangled legislative situation, and the certainty that any emergency provision would be beset by many attempts at amendment, and possibility that it would be blocked altogether.

As soon as he had affixed his signature to the bill, the President began preparation of a statement expressing his disapproval of the failure of Congress to provide for a longer delay in the effective date of Japanese exclusion.

Beside the Japanese exclusion feature the bill contains a number of provisions which were the basis of stubborn contests when the legislation first was under consideration in the Senate and House.

One question long in dispute was the method of determining national quotas which under the measure are finally passed as are reckoned at 2 per cent. on the basis of the 1890 census.

This and all other disagreements over the bill's provisions have been subordinated to the Japanese exclusion issue ever since the Japanese ambassador, on April 11th sent a note to the state department suggesting that the possibility of grave consequences be considered before an absolute legislative barrier was reared against the Japanese.

The note was characterized in both Senate and House as a veiled threat and both quickly reaffirmed by overwhelming majorities their desire for exclusion.

The House passed the bill 233 to 71, and the Senate 62 to 6.

ROBERT FRANKS SLAYER SENDS FLORAL TRIBUTE Body of Kidnapped and Murdered Boy Escorted to Cemetery by Guard of Officers.

Chicago, May 25.—The body of Robert Franks, 14-year-old victim of kidnappers, and son of Jacob Franks, millionaire manufacturer, was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery this afternoon.

While two readers of the Christian Science faith were conducting the brief services, detectives were searching for the purchaser of a floral piece received at the Franks home, accompanied by a card on which was written, "Sympathy of George Johnson."

"George Johnson" was the name signed to several letters received at the Franks home demanding ransom money of \$10,000 for the boy's return and given by a man in telephone conversations with the father.

PREACHER CALLS ON K. K. K. TO SAVE IMMORAL RALEIGH

Challenges the Ku Klux Klan to Take Definite Action—Says Law Is Impotent.

Raleigh, May 25.—Calling upon the Ku Klux Klan to take definite action on the immorality which he declared was going on in Raleigh and of which he gave alleged instances, the Rev. Charles Hudson, of Southside Memorial Baptist Church, tonight declared that he would not blame the Ku Klux Klan for "taking a man out of an automobile and beating the hind out of him," and challenged the members of the order to get into automobiles, ride out toward Lassiter's Mill (a local swimming pool) and see for themselves what is going on.

The sermon, which was announced as "Automobile Women, and the Ku Klux Klan," followed the singing of "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," with the words changed to "Let the fiery cross be burning," as an offertory by the choir.

"I am not a member of the K. K. K.," the preacher declared in opening his sermon, "I do not know anything about the K. K. K., and therefore I can talk about it. But if the Ku Klux Klan is what it says it is, they can and must save the citizenship of this community. They must see to it that every second citizen is brought to the law and punished for his crime."

"I believe that the law is willing and ready to do its part, but it is not able," he declared after he had cited several alleged instances of men committing and getting away with crime in Raleigh.

"The organization of which I have spoken, the Ku Klux Klan, if properly utilized, can save the day, where the preacher, the church, and the law cannot save it. I invite you, if there are any of you here, to go to Lassiter's Mill and you will see how many cars are parked by the side of the road. The roads around here are no longer decent places for men to take their families to ride."

"I do call on the Ku Klux Klan," if they can help us, and I would not blame you if you should take a man out of an automobile and beat the hind out of him."

"The Ku Klux Klan can remedy this thing, and I call on them to do it."

E. L. KEESLER KILLED WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

Auto Leaves Road Near Camden, S. C., Plunges Into Water, Killing Driver.

Charlotte, May 25.—Funeral services for Edward L. Keesler, prominent Charlotte business man, killed late Saturday when his automobile struck a sand bar and turned over near Camden, S. C., will be held at the home on Morehead street Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. G. Floyd Rogers, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church, will conduct the services. Interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Keesler's body was brought here early this morning.

Few further details of the accident were forthcoming. Mrs. Keesler, riding in the machine with her husband, noticed the car swerve, zig-zagging slightly through the shallow sand in the roadway, as it approached an easy curve.

Her husband twisted the steering wheel to draw the automobile out of the sand, apparently applying the brakes. The machine left the roadway, twisted slightly and whirled completely over, coming to a standstill with the top beneath and four wheels in the air.

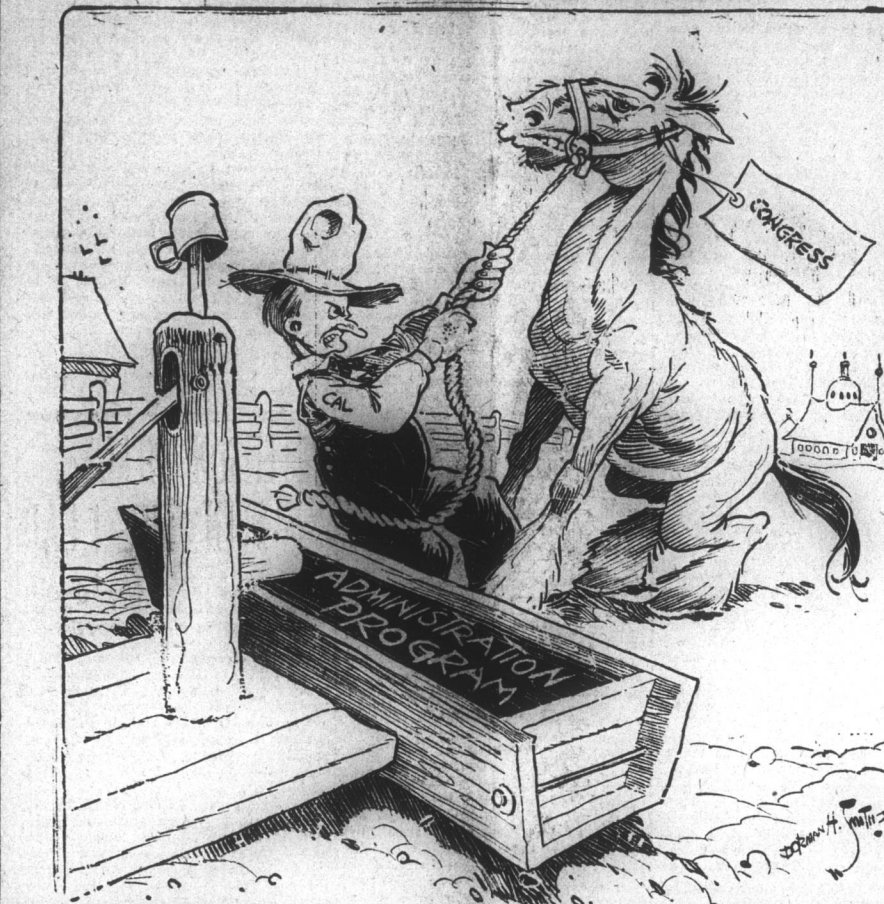
Both occupants were pinned beneath the machine, but Mrs. Keesler was protected from serious injury by the back of the seat, receiving only slight bruises. Mr. Keesler, prevented by the steering wheel from receiving such protection, was killed almost instantly, his skull being fractured. He died without saying a word.

ONE DEAD TWO HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Riggin Tried to Pass Another Car and Collided With a Third Car.

(By the Associated Press.) Henderson, N. C., May 26.—One person is dead and two others are recovering from injuries received as a result of a collision between two automobiles six miles from here last night. Joe Priddy was fatally hurt. Al Riggin sustained a broken arm, and Anie Dickerson was severely cut about the face and head.

YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT—!



PRESBYTERIANS PLEDGED TO OUTLAWING OF WAR

Effort to Pledge Support in Case of War Overwhelmingly Defeated.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 26 (By the Associated Press).—The Presbyterian General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution today pledging itself to the outlawing of war and to the hastening of the day when nations shall learn to war no more.

The resolution was adopted after efforts to amend it to provide an agency to crystallize the peace sentiment had been defeated. An amendment to insert in the resolution a sentence dedicating "the full support of members of the church to the nation, should the country become involved in war" was overwhelmingly defeated.

The resolution set forth that the church "refuses to believe that the wholesale slaughter of human beings upon the battlefield is morally any more necessary to man's highest development than is killing by the individual."

THREE PERSONS DIE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Two Men and Women Killed Near Winston-Salem When Car Overturns.

Winston-Salem, May 25.—Pleas H. Norman, of 214 West Eighth Street, and Mrs. Eunice Atwood, both of Winston-Salem, and an unidentified man were killed at 11:56 last night, about five miles south of the city, on the Lexington road, when a touring car, in which they were riding, overturned.

Persons living near the scene of the accident declared that the automobile was running at a rapid rate of speed when it slipped from the highway, dashed up a high bank and fell back into the road, pinning the occupants to the ground.

The woman and one of the men were alive when aid reached the site of the wreck a few moments later, but both died before they could be liberated from under the heavy car, which had crushed their bodies badly.

Mrs. Atwood was immediately identified, but the body of Norman was brought to this city before identification.

Ambulance drivers and police who rushed from the city when reports of the tragedy were received found a small bottle containing about one-half pint of whiskey in the pocket of the unidentified dead man.

According to persons who reside near Mrs. Atwood, her husband is now serving a 15-year sentence in the State prison for murder.

TWO DOUBLE FUNERALS OF WEBB FAMILY TODAY

A. N. Webb and Wife and Their Son and Wife Met Death in Auto Accident.

Louisville, Ky., May 26.—Two double funerals meet at Cave Hill cemetery here late this afternoon for Alvin N. Webb, 59 years old, Louisville business man, and his wife, and their son, B. G. Webb, 26, and his wife, all of whom were instantly killed yesterday when a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad engine struck their automobile at a grade crossing near Hilltop, Indiana.

The funeral of the father of the family will be held today at their home, and the son and his wife will be buried from the residence of her father, J. F. Downing.

Robbin Webb, of Birmingham, Ala., and Thomas H. Webb, of Concord, N. C., brothers of A. N. Webb, and Samuel Girdler, of Mont Clair, N. J., Mrs. A. N. Webb's brother, arrived today for the funeral.

The Webbs were returning from a pleasure trip to Washington, D. C., when the accident occurred.

FINAL HEARING ON THE MUSCLE SHOALS MATTER

After a Night Session a Report Will Be Made to the Senate.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.—The Senate agriculture committee today reconsidered its vote of last Wednesday on the Ford and Norris bills for disposal of Muscle Shoals, on the ground that it did not represent the true sentiment of the Senate agriculture committee on the question.

It was explained that some senators were confused in the meaning of the vote, and another was ordered for tomorrow.

Final hearings on Muscle Shoals were reached today. The committee will hold a night session, after which a report is to be made to the Senate.

WORKING ON CLUES IN THE FRANKS MURDER CASE

The Case, However, Appears No Nearer Solution Than When the Body Was Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, May 26.—The state attorney and his assistants and the police worked all night on clues as to the possible kidnapper and murderer of Robert Franks, but early today appeared no nearer a solution of the mystery than when the boy's nude body was found late Thursday.

The body of the boy was buried yesterday afternoon.

Early today three men riding in an automobile answering the description of a machine said to have loitered near the private school several days before the boy disappeared, were held for questioning.

The men gave a good account of themselves but will be questioned again.

There was some effort to connect the disappearance of Gertrude Barker, 17 years old, with the kidnapping of young Franks. The girl has been missing since Wednesday and her usual course home from an academy she attended would have taken her past the corner where the boy was last seen.

Miss Barker's relatives there yesterday attacked two young white girls near here.

Corsets in Fisher's Clearance Sale at half price.

CONFERENCE TAX BILL IS APPROVED TODAY BY THE HOUSE

Had Already Passed Senate.—Provides Reduction of Taxes for Almost Every Federal Taxpayer.

IT NOW GOES TO THE PRESIDENT

Carries a Reduction of 25 Per Cent. on Taxes Payable This Year.—Permanent Revisions Downward.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.—The conference tax bill already passed by the Senate, was approved today by the House.

Providing reduction of taxes for almost every Federal taxpayer, the measure now goes to President Coolidge.

It carries a 25 per cent. reduction on income taxes payable this year, permanent revision downward of the income rates, repeal or lowering of most of the miscellaneous and excise taxes, and a 25 per cent. reduction on earned incomes of \$10,000 and under.

Although some doubt exists as to President Coolidge's attitude in view of Treasury Department opposition to the provision for limited publicity of tax returns, and an increase in estate taxes, Republican leaders in both the Senate and House joined the solid Democratic line in support of the measure.

The brief debate developed considerable opposition in the Republican ranks to the proposal for even limited publicity in returns, and several announced that if the measure were vetoed they would vote to sustain the action.

GOVERNOR WANTS ACTION ON WATER COMMISSION PROGRAM

Is Sending Out Sentiment of Legislature and People—Sees Danger in Delay.

Raleigh, May 26.—Governor Morrison today addressed letters to all members of the General Assembly asking them to give serious consideration to the report of the Ship and Water Transportation Commission and let him know what they "think about it."

What the legislators think about it will have greater influence with the governor than anything else. A special session of the legislature depends on it.

He is extremely hopeful that they will agree with him as to the importance of the program proposed by the commission and the imperative of immediate action.

Local opinion is that the special session is definitely on the program for the capital's summer session. There are proponents and opponents of the meeting, but the governor has declared his purpose not to be influenced by opposition, and if enough members of the General Assembly will write encouragingly and the council of state will concur, the call will go forth before many weeks have passed.

SENATOR BROWN'S POSITION

Members of the Ship and Water Transportation Commission are reported as favorably to the idea of a special session. Senator Joe A. Brown, who led the opposition to the governor's original proposals in the 1923 legislature, and who, after spending 15 months studying water commerce problems as a member of the commission, is strong for the program recommended, thinks the session is imperative.

Public interest in the development of water transportation is enthusiastic just now, and the governor realizes that legislative consideration of the program with public attention so strongly attracted to it would prove of valuable assistance in getting its adoption. To delay until a regular session might result in the relapse of State-wide interest and induce further procrastination.

In other words, his excellency, who senses an opportunity, believes in striking while the iron is hot.

Three thousand copies of the report will be distributed, and interested individuals desiring a copy will receive one on making application to the governor's office. Copies will be forwarded within the next few days to newspapers and publications.

The fight on the governor's movement for water commerce development is expected to center on opposition to a special session and not on attacks on the program advanced by the commission. To the opponents of a special session, Governor Morrison today issued the challenge to get the railroads to delay scheduled increases in freight rates.

AN EFFORT TO SHED LIGHT ON G. B. MEANS' STORY

Study of the Department of Justice's Detective Methods Embarked Opening of Daugherty Committee.

R. J. BURRUS WAS THE FIRST WITNESS TODAY

Says He Saw No One Entering Means' House on Night the Latter's Papers Were Said to Have Been Stolen.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.—A study of the Department of Justice detective methods was embarked upon today by the Senate Daugherty committee in an effort to shed further light on Gaston B. Means' story of the disappearance of his famous diaries.

The Means papers by which he had promised to verify some of his sensational testimony before the committee, was delivered by him, he says, to two men who came to his house on March 31st, falsely representing themselves as acting for Chairman Brookhart.

Last week Assistant Attorney General Todd, in charges of prosecutions against Means, testified that the story could be disproved by Department of Justice agents, who reported that no one entered or left Means' house between 6 and 8 p. m. on the night the case was said to have been perpetrated.

R. J. Burrus, the leader of the five shadows the Department of Justice had watching Means, was the first witness today. He said that in following Means the detective squad spent the early part of that night outside the home of Senator Wheeler, the committee prosecutor. He said he saw no one enter Means' house that night.

Fred J. Cox, an attorney of Washington, N. C., then was sworn and testified he entered Means' house at 7 p. m. on the night of March 31st, to talk to Means who, he said, had been his friend in college.

Cox said he had come to see Means "about his trouble in New York," and that as he entered the house an automobile was pulling away. Means told him, Cox said, that the Senate Committee had decided to hold him and that the car just leaving was taking his papers into Senate custody.

Travis Hoke, a newspaper man, testified that on the same evening he was in the Means house from about 7 to 7:30 p. m.

"I learned that Means' bail in New York had been forfeited," Hoke said. "I wanted to work on his diaries and documents. He said the Brookhart committee had impounded the record that very night."

Buckley Griffin, a New England newspaper writer, testified that he also called on Means between 6 and 8 p. m. on the night of March 31st.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today at an Advance of From 6 to 27 Points.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 26.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 6 to 27 points on relatively firm Liverpool cables, reports of a better tone in the cotton goods markets and the continued bullish average of private crop advices.

There was some local realizing and Liverpool selling at the advance but trade interests were buyers, and further covering sent prices up to 30.00 for July and 29.62 for October in the early trading, or about 30 to 42 points net higher. The opening prices were: July 29.78; Oct. 26.60; Dec. 25.85; Jan. 25.80; March 25.91.

LLOYD PROPOSAL FOR MUSCLE SHOALS OPERATION

Explained to the Senate Committee Today by Its Sponsor.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.—The Lloyd proposal for the operation of Muscle Shoals was explained to the Senate agriculture committee today by its sponsor, James T. Lloyd, former representative from Missouri.

He said he represented no company or interests and that his proposal was offered simply as a suggestion in the interests of the public. The proposal he described as a compromise between government and private operation.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Increasing cloudiness followed by showers late tonight or Tuesday; no change in temperature.

New "Death Ray" of Unlimited Possibilities Invented by Briton

London, May 26.—Dr. T. F. Wall, lecturer in electrical engineering in Sheffield University, claims to have discovered a "death ray" and expresses belief that his invention will be capable of destroying life, stopping airplanes in flight and bringing motor cars to a standstill, although he has not made tests on a large scale as yet. Dr. Wall has informed the War and Air Ministers of his discovery. He said:

"Everything in its successful application depends upon the amount of power available. One does not know how much power is required for a given range, but if you have unlimited power you may get an abnormally large range. There is no limit to its possibilities, particularly in surgical and medical operations. I have protected the patent and am now working on it."

Grindell Matthews, whose previous "death ray" activities have excited much interest, had an interview this afternoon with the Vice Marshal of Air Forces and Major Gen. Sir Geoffrey Salmond of the Air Council and arranged for a test of his invention in a few days.

King and Queen of Italy Arrive in London

(By the Associated Press.) London, May 26.—The King and Queen of Italy, accompanied by the Prince of Piedmont and Princess Mafalda, will arrive in London today.

How To Compute Adjusted Service Credit In Accordance With Soldier Bonus Bill

The following will show veterans the amount of paid-up twenty year endowment life insurance to which they are entitled, together with the sums they may borrow at any given year.

Year	Factor	Age	Factor
3	2,545	43	2,439
4	2,544	44	2,426
5	2,542	45	2,413
6	2,540	46	2,398
7	2,539	47	2,381
8	2,537	48	2,364
9	2,535	49	2,345
10	2,532	50	2,324
11	2,530	51	2,302
12	2,527	52	2,279
13	2,524	53	2,254
14	2,521	54	2,228
15	2,517	55	2,201
16	2,513	56	2,172
17	2,509	57	2,143
18	2,504	58	2,113
19	2,498	59	2,082
20	2,492	60	2,050
21	2,482	61	2,018
22	2,478	62	1,986
23	2,470	63	1,954
24	2,460	64	1,921
25	2,450	65	1,889

The following figures show the sum which a veteran may borrow at any year for each \$1 of the face value of his total insurance policy. In order to ascertain the total sum which a veteran may borrow, multiply the total amount of

paid-up insurance due by the figures given below:

The next few days to newspapers and publications.

The fight on the governor's movement for water commerce development is expected to center on opposition to a special session and not on attacks on the program advanced by the commission.

To the opponents of a special session, Governor Morrison today issued a challenge to get the railroads to delay scheduled increases in freight rates.

"An action now pending would increase freight rates in this state 10 million dollars a year; so why should we wait to start our fight on them?" The State has procrastinated long enough.

The commission, after investigating exhaustively, has presented a remarkable report for our guidance in building

Illustration: A veteran has an adjusted credit of \$625. He is thirty years old at the date his insurance certificate is issued to him. In order to obtain the face value of his insurance certificate, he must multiply the factor opposite the age thirty (which is 2,524) by \$625. This will give him \$1,577.50 as the face value of his insurance certificate.

At the seventh year he will be able to borrow \$2,253 for each \$1 of his insurance. Therefore, multiply \$1,577.50 by 2,253 and you will obtain \$355.44, which is the sum he may borrow at the seventh year. Apply this same procedure to the figures opposite any year in order to obtain the amount which can be borrowed at that year.

With Our Advertisers. Robert Rich Ripe is the distributor for Concord of the Salisbury Cone Co. This is the last day of the Dollar Day Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. The big May White and Clearance Sale will continue through next Saturday, however.

The Phoenix Fire Extinguisher costs only \$3.00. See ad. Extra specials every day at Edie's Removal Sale. Graduation gifts at Cline's Pharmacy. See ad. for partial list.