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ROYSTER & ELAM GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE AT R. R.

The month of grace allowed Messrs. Hawley and clement in the Casar railroad proposition having expired, the county commisioners have given to Dr. S. S. Royster and Orlando Elam a similar opportunity to make the $10,000 bond required, and which the aforenamed gentlemen failed to make.

Mr Clement wired that the reason he was unable to push the proposition through on time was because the man he was to get the money from had lost his wife and could not attend to the business

Dr. Royster and Mr. Elam will now get busy and their numerous well-wishers hope that they will soon be able to make the dirt fly.

CAN YOU SPELL? TRY THESE

At Komono, Indiana a few days ago the superintendent of the schools held a spelling contest. Every person of the city was eligible and even six hundred took the test Of that number only fifty-two made a perfect score.

Newspaper men, doctors, lawyers, merchants, teachers and scholars submitted lists of twenty words each and from that total, twenty words were selected. The complete list with the number of times each word was misspelled, follows: Miscellaneous, 364; calendar 324, parallel 273, principle 242, niece 223, lose 201, separate 196 disappoint, 177; disease, 164; principal, 142; necessary, 137; business, 130; relieve, 125; receive, 109; truly, 85; government, 84; grammar, 79; believe, 73.

One woman who made a perfect score, had been a servant for sixty-three years and had only eight weeks schooling. A lawyer friend, who had been in business all his life, missed every word. Another man only got one right. One woman missed all but three.

Here are the words, arranged in the form of two sentences. Hand this to a friend, ask him to dictate the sentence to you, write down words and see how many you spell:

"The privilege of separating ninety miscellaneous calendars, arranged in two parrallel lines, was against the principles of the superintendent, so his niece, not to disappoint the government, nor cause it to lose business, removed the principal calendars and thus relieved her uncle of a strain which might have brought on a disease. Then she realized it had become truly necessary for her to receive her instructions in grammar."

IMPORTANT NEWS BRIEFS

Col. George W. Goethals has been nominated to be a major general in recognition of his services in building the Panama canal.

Representative Joseph T. Johnston of Spartanburg has been selected by President Wilson for the new Federal judgeship in South Carolina, created by congress shortly before adjournment.

The Standard Oil Company steamer Platuria, bound for Malmo, Sweden, has been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, pending investigation.

The German National Bank of Pittsburg did not open its doors for business. A notice on the door said it had been closed by order of the comptroller of the currency.

T. R. Manning, formerly vice-president of the North Carolina Press Association and up to four years ago owner of the Henderson Gold Leaf, died at Henderson, N. C. He was 58 years old and had been confined to his bed for three years.

Senator Overman has accepted an invitation from the Territory of Hawaii, to visit that country in April. He will sail about April 21st, taking with him Mrs. Overman.

VOTING COUPON

Good For 10 Votes . .

(If sent in before March 20.)

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PRESIDENT ORDERS SHIPS, VERA CRUZ

Is Admitted By Washington Authorities That Situation is Most Serious It Has Been at Any Time

Washington.—General Carranza has been informed in a note from the United States Government that unless there is an improvement in conditions with respect to foreigners and their interests in Mexican territory under his control, such steps as may be necessary will be taken by the American Government to obtain the desired protection. The note is the strongest and most emphatic document that has been sent by the Washington Government to Mexico since the correspondence with Huerta a year ago. Carranza is warned that the United States has viewed with deep concern the growing complaints made by foreigners generally against his Administration of affairs and now in effect, demands an early change.

The contents of the communication were revealed to several Ambassadors and several Ministers here who expressed satisfaction at its urgent language. Some regarded it as an entire change of the country's policy toward Mexico.

American Consul Silliman should have presented the note to Carranza. A copy of it was sent to the Brazilian Minister at Mexico City to be shown to General Obregon, the Carranza commander. In the meantime, some movements of American warships have been ordered the effect of which will be a naval demonstration that some officials hope will convince General Carranza of the determination of the American Government to obtain a change in conditions in Mexico City.

After a conference between President Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, it was learned on high authority that two or more battleships would be ordered from Guantanamo to Vera Cruz. The entire Atlantic fleet of 21 battleships is at Guantanamo within two and a half days sail of Vera Cruz.

Only one war vessel, the battleship Delaware, is at Vera Cruz, but, in addition to any battleships that may be sent from Guantanamo, five warships will be in that vicinity in a few days.

The Delaware will remain there indefinitely, the cruiser Tacoma left Porto-au-Prince, Haiti, for Vera Cruz; the gunboat Petrel is en route from Mobile, Ala., and the cruiser Des Moines, is bound from Progreso to Vera Cruz, while the gunboat Sacramento is at Tampico.

MORE TURKISH FORTS QUIET.

British and French Fleets Making Progress Slowly.

London.—The British and French fleets have battered away a step nearer to Constantinople, not, however, without damage to the ships engaged and the battle for the Dardanelles continues.

More Turkish forts on the Asiatic side have been silenced according to a statement by the British admiralty, but the Turks are making a teriffic resistance and shells from their German-made guns have found more than one mark on the besieging craft. This struggle for the gateway of the Ottoman capital is the big feature of the war news and closely linked with it is the sustained excitement in Greece incident to the resignation of the cabinet of M. Venizoleos, who, deeming Greece's entry into the hostilities on the side of the Triple Entente imperative, could not agree with his King and resigned.

To N. C. Old Debt U. S. May Pay

Washington, D. C., Feb. 30.—An interesting statement showing the history of the loan made by North Carolina to the Federal government during the war of 1812, which Representative R. N. Page is now trying to collect, has been issued by Robert H. McNeil, representing North Carolina in prosecuting the claim. Mr. McNeil's statement covers every aspect of the case, which will probably result in payment to North Carolina of more than $100,000. His account of the case is as follows :

Give Delayed Justice.

"A postive effort is now being made in Congress to place the State of North Carolina on a parity with the other States in the union in the matter of the refundment to her of money and expenditures in the payment and equipment hf the State militia called into service of the United States during the War of 1812 to 1815. A bill in the nature of an amendment to the General Deficiency Bill authorizing and directing a readjustment and payment of these claims was introduced in the House of Representatives last week by Representative Page. Senator Simmons is particularly in charge of the matter in the Senate. The bill provides that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to reopen, examine and audit the claim of the State of North Carolina on account of advances and expenditures made by the State in the war of 1812-15 with Great Britain, and ascertain and determine, in accordance with the rule applied in the settlement of the like claim of the State of Maryland under provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1857, the amount remaining unpaid and due to the State of North Carolina, on account of advances and expenditures and appropriate whatever sum is found to be necessary for the payment of said claim.

Many Claims Paid

"During the War with Great Britain, the several States then comprising the Union, made certain advances of money and expenditures in the payment and equipment of their militia called into service of the United of the principal o hte sums thus expenditures so made was rfunded to Congress for specific appropriation. tions made by Congress for the support of the army. Further refundments were made under an act of Congress approved March 9, 1817, directing the payment of 'Balance due certain States." Additional refundments were made under special acts of Congress, in which each particular State was made the beneficiary. Subsequent to these refundments o the principal of the sums thus expended by the States, Congress has from time to time made provision [illegible] ment of interest charges [illegible] paid by those States [illegible] money to meet the original obligations.

"Upon the passage of this bill by Congress, the Treasury Department will audit and adjust the account in accordance with the directions contained therein and this amount found to be due the State, reported back to Congress for specific appfropriation. It is contended that an audit of the account on the same basis as to interest as the audits of the accounts of other States have been made, will show that North Carolina is clearly entitled to something more than $100,000. Those familiar with the matter, have every reason to believe that the State will be awarded considerably more than this sum.

"This is the first time effort has been made to place North Carolina on an equal footing with the other States with respect to these refundments and affords a splendid opportunity to the Senators to render a service to the State in securing an equitable and just settlement of an account that has been neglected for many years."

Forked Tail Lizard?—Is there a species of lizard having forked tails? If there is no such species, then the lizzard found by Mr. A. Ledford recently on the estate of the late Mrs Janie Price is a freak. Mr. Ledford brought the lizzard to The Highlander office recently, where it is hibernating in a pasteboard box. It has a coat of lovely brown ond black color and its tails are brown and perfectly formed.

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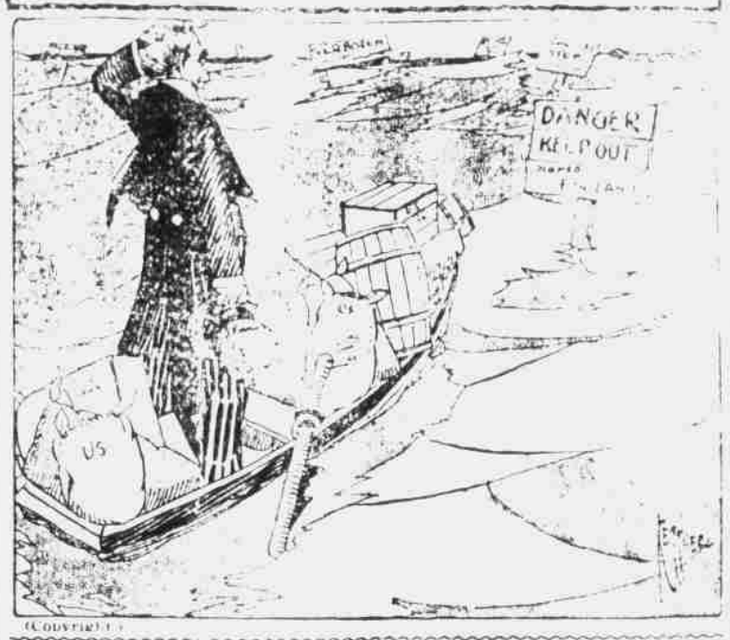
IN DANGEROUS STRAITS



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63D CONGRESS ADJOURNS

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF SESSION AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY $1,120,484,324.

Including Ship Bill and Rural Credits Bill.—Two Appropriations Fail Passage.

Washington.—After two years of almost continuous session the Sixty-third Congress, which revised the tariff and the currency system of the Nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax and demonstrated the first popular election of United States Senators, has adjourned.

When gavels fell in the House and Senate signalizing the adjournment they marked the close of half of President Wilson's Administration, the first under domination of the Democratic party since 1895.

The total appropriations of the session were approximately $1,120,484,324 several millions under the record of previous congresses.

Two Bills Failed.

Two appropriation bills failed. Current appropriations for the postal service and the Indian office were extended for another year.

After refusing to accept the Indian bill the senate reversed itself and passed it, but the house refused to agree to minor amendments added at the last moment.

Bills Signed.

In the closing hours, President Wilson signed the seamen's bill, the neutrality resolution empowering him to prevent ships leaving American ports with supplies for belligerent warships, promoted Colonel Goethals to be a major general for his services as builder of the Panama canal, and gave promotions to other officers associated with the work.

The administration ship bill, the Philippine bill, the conservation bills, the rural credits provision of the agricultural bill and ratification of the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua—all hard pressed administration measures, fell by the wayside.

Last Hour in House.

In the house, the last hour was devoted to tributes to Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and Republican Leader Mann. Representative Palmer announced presentation of a portraitt of Mr Underwood to be hung in the hall of the ways and means committee in doing so Mr. Palmer said:

"There is no doubt Mr. Underwood soon will be the leader in the senate. He is one of the greatest Americans of his time."

President Makes Statement.

After his return to the White House President Wilson dictated the following statement:

"A great congress has closed its sessions. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statemanship more and more, the longer it is tested.

"Business has now a time of calm and thoughtful adjustment before it, disturbed only by the European war. The circumstances created by the war put the nation to a special test, a test of its self-control.

"The constant thought of every patriotic man should now be for the country, its peace, its order, its just and tempered judgment in the face of perplexing difficulties. Its dignity and its strength alike will appear not only in the revival of its business, despite abnormal conditions, but also in its power to think, to purpose, and to act with patience, with disinterested fairness, and without excitement, in a spirit of friendliness and enlightenment which will firmly establish its influence throughout the world.

For many minutes before adjournment there was a lull in the senate. Senator Simmons paid a tribute to Senator Perkins of California, whose term ended at noon. Senator Perkins sat for a moment in contemplation of the tribute. Then he slowly half rose from his seat, feebly waved his hand toward the North Carolina senator and his colleagues in a gesture of farewell, and took his seat again too overcome with emotion to speak.

Senator Gallinger offered a resolution of thanks to Vice-President Marshall for his services as presiding officer of the senate.

THE NEWS OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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FACES SERIOUS PROBLEM

DRASTIC MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT MEXICO CITY.

But Virtually Tells the Starving People to Help Themselves to Anything in Sight.

Washington. — President Wilson faced one of the most serious and perplexing developments that has arisen in the Mexican situation. Mexico City is on the verge of starvation. General Obregon the Carranza commander, refuses to permit an international relief committee, composed of wealthy members of the foreign colony to succor the needy. "Mexico needs no foreign aid," the general is reported to have said.

All merchants who closed their stores have been ordered to reopen. Three hundred of them, Mexicans, have been imprisoned. The population is in terror since Obregon has announced he will not prevent looting or pillaging for food or money.

The Brazilian, British, Spanish and Italian ambassadors give the state department pessimistic reports of the situation, which correspond to reports already received.

Secretary Bryan announced that he had telegraphed American Consul Stillman to lay the situation earnestly before General Carranza, so that General Obregon might be directed to accept aid proffered by foreign residents. Freight service is suspended between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and transportation facilities for relief purposes are being withheld by General Obregon on the ground of military necessity.

President Wilson was advised of all the facts. He was said to be studying the situation closely. Should General Obregon continue to refuse outside air, drastic measures may be necessary. Talk of an allied expedition similar to the one that went to the relief of foreign legations at Peking during the Boxer uprising was heard again in official quarters.

PRESIDENT POSTPONES TRIP.

Vice President Marshall to Be Representative at Exposition.

Washington.—Vice President Marshall will go to San Francisco to represent President Wilson at the formal dedication of the Panama-Pacific Exposition March 20. The President still hopes to visit the exposition later.

The Vice President left for Cleveland, and later will go to Indianapolis before leaving for the coast. Assistant Secretary Phillips of the State Department, chairman of the Government Exposition Board, also left for San Francisco to take part in the exercises in honor of representatives of foreign Governments.

President Wilson reluctantly gave up his plans for going to the coast this month, but decided he was needed in Washington to direct the negotiations for the protection of American interests during the war.

The Vice President conferred with Secretary Bryan and Mr. Phillips, who discussed the trip with the President. The invitation to the Vice President to represent the President at the exposition followed and he accepted.

Death of Mr J. G. Hoyle.—As we go to press Thursday we learn of the death of Mr. Jos. G. Hoyle of Fallston, from pneumonia on Wednesday night. He had been ill but five days

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This indicates that this 1915 contest should be the last one of all—save possibly that of two years ago.

Contest Just Starting

Owing to the lateness which characterized the advance in the price of cotton, we have been slow in pushing forward this contest. We have given everybody a fair chance to get his or her name entered in the racee, and from now on the marathon will be spirited.

WE REPEAT 50,000 OFFER

In order that those who desire to enter the contest within the next week may have an equal show, we REPEAT OUR GREAT OFFER OF 50,000 EXTRA VOTES, FREE to each and every person turning in their first $7 in subscriptions. This over and above the regular scale. Also, those turning in subscriptions this week before Saturday midnight, the 13th, will be entitled to compete for the prize in money—$10 free to the person turning in the most money on subscription and $5 to the person turning in the second largest amount of subscription money

The Leaders

Those desrving of special mention for their good work this week are the folowing: Messrs. Eular Weaver, J. J. Sperling, A. O. Hamrick, Lax Stroud, A. P. Smith and W. J. Mode. In each case friends have been liberal in their support. However, there are others, just beginning to work and who will make somebody hustle for first honors.

INDUCEMENTS TO BEGGINNERS

As a special inducements to beginners, we offer a Premuim Ballot, good for 50,000 votes to EACH and EVERY person turning in the first $7 on subscription before Saturday night, March 20th, or mailed before midnight of that date.

But one such premium ballot however, will be given to any one contestant.

Here is the grand opportunity for beginners to get started.

The above is the only bonus offer that will be on during the coming week.

The Gold Offer This Week

To the person turning in the greatest amount of subscription money between Friday, March 5th and Saturday, March 13th at midnight, or mailing so as to be at midnight, 13th, date, $10 in cash will be given FREE.

To the person turning in the next greatest amount of subscription money within this period, $5 in cash.

These prizes will be mailed to the winners during the week of March 14th, and are in addition to the grand prizes.

THE PRIZES

We announce,, beside the auto, some additional prizes—

Second Prize—A free trip to the San Francisco Exposition, with all necessary expenses and

Third Prize—Free Trip to the San Francisco Exposition, as above.

Fourth Prize—One $75 Diamond Ring.

Fifth Prize—One $50 Scholarship in King's Business College.

Others prizes to be announced later.

10 Per Cent Cash Commissions to all who do not win a prize, yet who turn in $25 or over