

WASHINGTON NEWS HAPPENINGS

Who Will Fill the Vacancy?

Speculation over Justice Brewer's successor names two judges, Walter H. Sanborn of St. Paul and Willis Vanderventer, of Cheyenne, Wyo., both from the great eighth circuit, the largest in the United States, from which Justice Brewer came. Sanborn is 65 years old and Vanderventer is 53.

Lloyd W. Bowers, of Chicago, now solicitor general of the department of justice, for whose ability President Taft has high regard, is also mentioned. Attorney General Wickersham, who is a New Yorker, was mentioned when Justice Lurton was appointed, but the Southerner was chosen because of the president's high personal regard for him and because he, like his predecessor, Judge Beckham, was a Democrat. In event of reorganization of the Standard Oil, the tobacco or the corporation tax cases, neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. Wickersham would be considered because they would be incapacitated.

Judge John W. Warrington of the Sixth circuit is also mentioned. He is a close personal friend of the president. Among others considered Tuesday were Secretary War Dickerson, Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, Henry M. Hoyt, counsellor of the state department, and Governor Hughes and Senator Root, of New York.

Farmers Being Rewarded.

Exported farm products of the United States are steadily rising in value, while in many cases the exports of manufactures show a decline in the same comparative period. Foreign countries were willing to pay higher prices in every instance for farm products during February this year than they were in February a year ago. The export price table issued by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor shows a long line of increases ranging from 30 per cent upward. Taken in comparison with those figures which are quoted in explanation of the higher cost of living, this newest table makes it apparent that exported foodstuffs have advanced abroad as well as at home.

Dollar a Day For Soldiers.

One dollar a day for all old soldiers incapacitated in the service is provided in a bill reported favorably from the House Committee on Military Affairs by Representatives Sherwood (Ohio). The bill has been before the committee for six or seven years and come before the House now as an amendment to a measure introduced by Representative Townsend (Mich.), providing for the retirement of army officers at the age of 70, on one-half or one-third pay, dependent upon length of service.

Baptist Preacher Leaves Washington.

Rev. Edmund Hez Swem of the Baptist Church in Washington has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Dothan, Ala. Mr. Swem has been identified with Baptist churches in Washington for twenty-five years. He is a native of Indiana.

Remodel Lynchburg's Postoffice.

The Treasury Department has awarded a contract to J. E. and A. L. Pennock, of Philadelphia, for the construction of the extension and the remodeling of the postoffice at Lynchburg, Va., at \$125,950.

Charge of Ship Subsidy Lobby.

The House Tuesday passed a resolution for an investigation of charges that a lobby was maintained in Washington by shipping interests to corruptly influence members of the House in favor of ship subsidy legislation.

Another Help For Prohibition.

That the inter-State character of inter-State shipments of liquor shall cease upon arrival within the boundary of the State to which consignment has been made is the essential feature of bills introduced in the Senate by Senator Curtis and in the House by Representatives Miller of Kansas.

Reduced Rates on Flour.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the Lake and rail rates on flour from Minneapolis, Minn., to New York city and the Atlantic seaboard, reduced from 23 cents per hundred pounds to 21 1/2 cents, beginning May 10.

Monument to President Spencer.

Preparations have commenced for the erection of a monument to the late Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railroad, on the plaza opposite the main entrance to the Terminal Station, Washington.

Late in Writing for Information.

Forty-two years ago Capt. Charles Lee Moses, of the United States Navy, survivor of the battle of the Merrimack and the Monitor and an officer of the Kearsage when she sank the Alabama, left Bangkok, Siam, for San Francisco, on the brig Swallow and was never heard of again. A day or two ago the wife of Capt. Moses wrote to Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, a member of the House Naval Committee, to inquire if anything could be learned of his whereabouts.

Statehood Bill in Senate.

Senator Beveridge Monday presented to the Senate the report of the Committee on Territories favoring the Senate bill in preference to that passed by the House, for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as separate States. The report defends the changes made by the Senate committee in vigorous language, especial emphasis being given to the refusal of the Senate bill to recognize the present election law of Arizona.

The effect of that law, it is charged, would be to disfranchise a large number of the oldest and most substantial citizens of the territory by reason of their inability to interpret the constitution of the United States in English. The house bill would make the present Arizona law the test of citizens to vote.

Another decided difference between the Senate and the House bill is the requirement in the former that separate elections must be held for the ratification of the constitutions and for the selection of State and other officers.

Another decided change between the two bills is in relation to polygamy and bigamy, of which Senator Beveridge said in his report:

"The House bill would permit the practice of polygamy and bigamy, notwithstanding the various prohibitions thereof."

Why Food is So High.

An increase of 12,000,000 in the population of the United States during the last 10 years and a decrease of about 5,000,000 in the number of available food animals is the estimate made by the Bureau of Statistics from reports on these two subjects made respectively by the Census Bureau and the Department of Agriculture. The supply of food animals has gone down 3 per cent, while the value has increased 22 per cent. In the meantime the price of grains necessary for food for these animals has increased from 56 to 75 per cent. The value of cattle, sheep and hogs in this country in 1901 was estimated at \$1,943,000,000; in 1910, at \$2,368,000,000. This is an increase of 22 per cent.

Cattle are the one class of food animals which has come anywhere near keeping pace with the growth in population. Cattle have increased in number 11 per cent, while the population has increased 16 per cent. There were about 2.3 animals to each person in the country in 1901. In 1910 there are about 1.9.

A pound of lard in 1901 was worth 7.4 cents; in 1910 it is worth 18 cents, an increase of 143 per cent. There has been a decrease of 16 per cent in the number of hogs in the United States.

Masseur for Senators.

The United States Senate is going to have a professional masseur. He is to be in charge of the luxurious bathing rooms in the new marble building provided for the use of Senators, where arrangements have been made for Russian, Turkish and all kinds of baths.

The legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill contains a provision which sets aside an appropriation of \$1,800 annually to be paid "an attendant in charge of the bathing rooms, who shall be a professional masseur."

This attendant, who is to work on the muscles of Senators, is to have two assistants, who will receive \$720 each annually.

New Member Canal Commission.

President Taft Monday sent to the Senate nominations including the following:

Member of Isthmian Canal Commission, Maurice H. Thatcher of Kentucky.

Attorney General Denies Charge.

The charge preferred on the floor of the House by Representative Martin, of Colorado, that "the former attorney of the sugar trust is now the head of the Department of Justice of the present administration," brought forth a letter of denial from Attorney General Wickersham, addressed to Representative Bennet, of New York, and read into the record.

Working With Satisfactory Results.

President Taft in a special message Monday informed Congress that the negotiations under the maximum and minimum clause of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law are now substantially complete and with satisfactory results.

He stated that to carry out the work of the tariff board, appointed by him under the tariff act, a \$250,000 appropriation by Congress is necessary, available immediately for the current and the next fiscal year.

Panama's Appreciation Shown.

As an expression of the appreciation of the Government of Panama for the good offices of the United States in obtaining an agreement between Costa Rica and Panama for the settlement of the boundary dispute between those countries, Dr. Belisario Porras, of Panama, Monday tendered a luncheon to Secretary Knox and other officials of the State Department. Minister Arosemena, of Panama, and Minister Calvo, of Costa Rica, were among the guests.

EVENTS TOLD TERSELY.

News From Everywhere Printed in Short Paragraphs.

Dudley Evans, president of Wells-Fargo & Co., since 1902, died in a New York hospital following an operation for gall stones. He was 72 years old.

Capt. C. A. Johnson, president of the First State Bank, of Columbus, Miss., vice-president of the Mississippi Bankers' Association, and well known in financial circles throughout the country, died in Chicago where he had gone for an operation.

Pearl H. McPherron, Lima, motor-man; Earl Rotherock, Lockington, expressman; James Risk, baggage man, Lima, was fatally injured and several passengers on both cars were seriously hurt in a collision between two interurban electric trains near Lima, Ohio.

The entire Eleventh Cavalry, U. S. Army, at Fort Atherpe, Ga., is being inoculated with a serum to prevent typhoid fever.

Secretary MacVeagh has dismissed from office C. M. McKinney, cashier of the office of collector of customs at El Paso, Tex., on the ground of insubordination and for bringing groundless charges against his superior officer, Collector Sharpe.

Two hundred and fifty people were killed and many others injured in the village of Oekoerite, Hungary, when fire broke out in a hotel where a ball was being held.

Estimated earnings for the Southern Railway system for the third week in March were. This year, \$1,124,283; last year, \$1,031,357, an increase of \$92,926.

Prince Subatoff, 91 years old, and Wjarjanin, 93 years old, of St. Petersburg, Russia, fought a duel with pistols.

In a storm at sea Mme. Jara, wife of the French minister to Haiti, gave birth to twin boys on the steamship, Brinz Joachim. All are well.

On Saturday night in New York President Taft presented Sir Ernest Shackleton, the South Polar explorer, a gold medal, which was awarded by the National Geographic Society in recognition of his achievements.

The trial of the three Wardlaw sisters for the murder of Oeey M. Snead, the East Orange bath tub victim, is postponed from April 11 to May 11, at Essex county, N. J.

Jack Johnson, must answer a charge of violating the automobile speed ordinance in Chicago on March 31st.

A convention of members of the labor unions in Philadelphia was held to form a new political party. About 500 delegates attended. Newspaper and non-union men were barred.

Under a law recently passed by the South Carolina legislature every hotel having three or more stories shall be provided with an iron fire escape on the outside of the building.

The "largest loon ever captured in Cecil county," Maryland, was secured by William Scott in the Black Swamp. It weighed 29 1/2 pounds.

W. J. Richards, who several weeks ago chopped off his right hand with a hatchet, threw himself in front of an Illinois Central train several miles north of New Orleans, and his body was mutilated.

The grand jury of Cairo, Ill., are bringing indictments against the rioters of that city.

Dr. E. Dana Durand, the national census superintendent, says that by June 1 he hopes to be able to report the number of inhabitants in the United States, probably between 88,000,000 and 91,000,000.

George W. Coleman, under arrest charged with embezzling \$250,000 from the National City Bank, of Cambridge, Mass., has taken out a marriage license, and will be "married some day this week."

Before Bronislaw Kulvinkas died at New Haven, Conn., he accused Sophie Kritchman and Joseph Mitchell of having lured him to Union City on Friday afternoon, the 17th of September, 1909, and there shot him, leaving him to die, and that also on the following day, finding him still alive, Sophie had cut his throat.

Mrs. Ethel Kearby, courageous young daughter of the chief of police of Wellston, a suburb of St. Louis, prevented the lynching of Howard Butler, city clerk. The trouble was over an election. Miss Kearby defied the mob.

The Louisiana railroad commission issued an order to the Colorado Southern Railroad "for the protection of a rate of \$1.59 per hundred pounds on four elephants from Kinder to New Orleans."

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W. Gould Brokaw, who lost his wife by a court decree, is also held liable for her bills. Brokaw has been forced to pay a dressmaking firm \$2,140 for gowns furnished his divorced wife.

Martin Hobbs, 39 years old, was arrested in Vincennes, Ind., charged with the murder of John C. Lomiller, a wealthy blind man, Feb. 13, 1901. An indictment was returned against Hobbs by the grand jury.

TRICKERY IN MISS.

State Senator Offered One Thousand Dollars

TO WORK FOR SENATOR PERCY

Grand Jury Has Indicted the Bribe Giver, But Nothing Done Against the Senator—Sensation in Political Circles.

Mississippi's Bribery Scandal.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—Monday night the grand jury indicted L. C. Dulaney of Issaquena county, a prominent planter, charging him with tendering a bribe to State Senator Theodore Bilbo in exchange for his vote for Leroy Percy, the recently successful candidate for the United States Senate from Mississippi.

The grand jury refused to indict Mr. Bilbo for accepting a bribe. Senator Bilbo declared that during the recent legislative caucuses he had been approached by Mr. Dulaney and tendered \$1,000 if he would lend his support to Mr. Percy; that a part of the amount, \$645, was to be paid immediately, the balance after the election of Senator Percy; that he accepted the tender to be used as evidence in support of charges that irregular methods were being used to encompass the defeat of Mr. Vardaman, of whom he was a supporter, and that the money he received he handed to a local minister with a statement of facts. This, Mr. Bilbo declared, he told the Hinds county grand jury.

That the charge is without foundation is insisted by those who favored the election of Mr. Percy as against the several other candidates, including former Governor James K. Vardaman. W. A. Percy, of Memphis, a brother of Senator Percy, is in Jackson, and in vigorous terms declares the charges groundless, as does Mr. Dulaney.

Indignation in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Special.—Sermons Sunday were designed to arouse public condemnation of such corrupt practices as have been revealed in the city's official administration, on the text, "Truth crucified will rise transfigured." Lessons in civic cleanliness were drawn by many pastors.

A circular letter was read on Sunday to all the congregations to attend a huge indignation mass meeting to be held some day this week.

There is a crusade against all varieties of graft and wrong doing in Pittsburg. Disorderly houses are being closed up and every night lately has seen a round-up of women in the tenderloin district.

At a meeting of citizens in the Fort Pitt Hotel, at which a committee was formed to further the mass meeting plan, it was openly charged that the graft collected in the red light districts of the city amounted to a million dollars a year.

John F. Klein, whose confession and exposure of others has netted such scandal, has been puzzled and is now kept in a room at the Fort Pitt Hotel, pending disposition of his case. He is under sentence of three and a half years, but he came out in an emotional post card appeal for clemency and aid for his family.

Columbian Woodman Officer Ousted.

Atlanta, Special.—Jonathan B. Frost, founder of the Columbian Woodmen, and until recently its chief officer, is ousted from participation in the control of the order by unanimous decision of the Georgia Supreme Court, rendered Monday. The Columbian Woodmen is a fraternal beneficiary organization, claiming a membership of fifteen thousand in several States and having a large cash fund. The faction ousted from control includes, besides Frost, Hon. Hoke Smith.

Georgia Friendly With U. S.

Trenton, Ga., Special.—The breach between the federal and state authorities growing out of the operation of the Cureton distillery at Rising Fawn was amicably adjusted in Judge Fite's court by the intercession of Assistant United States District Attorney John W. Henley, of Atlanta.

Denies Murdering Euth Wheeler.

New York, Special.—Albert Wolter, in jail charged with murdering Ruth Wheeler, denies his guilt—denies that he ever saw the girl, ever wrote to her, or knew how her body came to be on the fire escape outside his window, or why fragments of human feet, hands and arms were found in the ashes of his fireplace.

Katie Miller, or Katcher Meuller, the girl with whom he lived, was arrested Monday as she approached the house where the murder was. She was reading the details in a German newspaper as she walked, and smiling as she read.

Cadets Can Have Some Fun.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Dickinson has won his long fight to secure the amelioration of the law regarding hazing at West Point and no longer will every cadet guilty of some trifling horse play at the expense of some new comer be subjected to the unvarying rule of expulsion.

Spartanburg, S. C., will have a first class horse show May 24 and 25th.

U. S. AFTER BLIND TIGERS

Do Not Come Under Head of Unintentional Violators.

Washington, Special.—War on "blind tigers" and on "bootleggers" has been declared by the administration. Hereafter, persons engaging in these forms of the liquor traffic are to be dealt with much more drastically than heretofore.

This stand of the government has particular reference to violation of the internal revenue laws in "dry" country, where local enactments prohibit dealing in liquor. Loud complaints had come to President Taft from various "dry" districts, notably in the South and West, that the prohibition laws were negated through the operations of the "blind tigers" and the "bootleggers" and, in response to demands for remedial measures, he directed that steps be taken to stop the practices so far as lay within the federal power.

New regulations were drawn under the supervision of Mr. Cabell, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and approved by Secretary MacVeagh Saturday. They set out that as the peddling of liquors is not contemplated by the internal revenue laws and no provision is made for the issuance of any stamp legalizing such practice, peddlers of liquors, or "bootleggers," are not to be regarded as coming within the class of unintentional violators and should be arrested and reported for prosecution whenever found selling liquor in such manner.

Heavy penalties of fine or imprisonment or both are prescribed for violations of the law.

As a supplemental measure of assistance to the States in the enforcement of their prohibition laws, a method has been provided by which they may obtain information gathered by the Federal government, of internal revenue violations.

Large Number Hookworm Suspects.

Washington, Special.—In southern Florida in company with Dr. E. E. Lindeman, of the State Board of Health laboratory at Tampa, and Dr. John S. Helms, Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the public health and marine hospital service, in the public health reports, says he visited 8 schools located in three counties and saw 1,306 school children, of whom he puts down 55.9 per cent as hookworm suspects. The number so classified, Dr. Stiles says, may, as experience shows, be taken as an ultra-conservative estimate of the number of these children who had hookworm infection.

At least five of the teachers in the schools visited showed clear and pronounced effects of hookworm infection.

In a second paper Dr. Stiles speaks of a visit to three cotton mills in Rockingham, N. C. In those three mills 224 people were employed and the percentage of hookworm suspects was 64.8, being about what was anticipated in view of the fact that the mills draw their labor chiefly from the sand areas.

Tariff Concessions by Canada.

Washington, Special.—General satisfaction is expressed here at the announcement made that an agreement has practically been reached between the officials representing the Canadian government and the President and Secretary of State Knox, respecting the adjustment of the tariff of Canada and the United States. No one in authority here is willing to discuss the details, but there is good ground for the belief that material concessions have been granted by Canada and that the United States will receive in return for its minimum the intermediate rates given by Canada to France and twelve other countries, on a considerable number of articles in which exporters from the United States are specially interested.

Charlotte Mint is Doomed.

Washington, Special.—The Charlotte mint is doomed, not today or tomorrow or this year, but some time in the near future. The gold purchased there, it is said, costs the government more than 4 per cent. Representative Webb, has filed a protest with the Secretary of the Treasury against the discontinuance of the mint.

Father Would Butcher Boys.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—An insane father was prevented from butchering his four little children on the banks of the Connecticut river Saturday by the arrival of the police.

When located back of some bushes, his four boys were partly undressed and were lined in a row, the maniac father standing over them with the uplifted axe. A boy of 4 was to have been the first victim. The poor child was standing beneath the shining blade with a crucifix in one hand, calmly awaiting its fate. The other, under orders of the madman, were terrified spectators.

Etna Continues to Belch.

Catania, Sicily, By Cable.—Etna still is angry. From the top of the old crater volumes of white smoke are issuing, while from the new craters that have formed lava is gushing and large incandescent masses are exploding with loud detonations and emissions of black smoke.

JUDGE BREWER DEAD

End Comes Suddenly Monday Night by Apoplexy

Washington, Special.—David Josiah Brewer, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died Monday night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His death followed within a minute or two before he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. Justice Brewer was 73 years old.

The end came altogether unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the past few days, the aged jurist was up and out Monday, apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was in equally good spirits at dinner and spent the evening in reading.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he retired to his room, and within a few minutes Mrs. Brewer heard a heavy fall and went to investigate the cause. She found her husband prone upon the floor of the bathroom. He did not regain consciousness and died before a physician, hastily summoned, could reach the house.

Eight Killed on Cruiser Charleston.

Manilla, By Cable.—The report that a fatal accident had occurred on the United States cruiser Charleston, was confirmed Monday. Eight men were killed and several others slightly injured.

During practice at sea off Olongapo, the breech lock of a three-inch gun blew off and in flying across the deck cut through a steel stanchion and mowed down the men. Seven of the victims were instantly killed. The eighth died as the Charleston was hurrying to Cavite.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, has ordered an investigation. The bodies of the victims will be buried at Cavite.

The Charleston, which is rear admiral Hubbard's flagship, returned today to the firing range. Her commanding officer is Commander John H. Gibbons. She is a protected cruiser of 9,700 tons and carries 68 guns.

Pittsburg Bankers Rotten Too.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Monday was "Bankers' Day" in Pittsburg. The district attorney has questioned more than 100 officials and employees of the six city depositories in reference to money being paid to city councilmen to obtain the passage of the bank ordinance in city councils during 1908. Forty or more councilmen have confessed that they received money for the passage of the ordinances. Two bank presidents, one now serving a term in the penitentiary for bribery have admitted that money was paid to have the ordinances passed.

The grand jury wants to know who were the men "higher up" in the bribery.

It has been asserted in various confessions now in the hands of the district attorney that the six city depositories provided a fund of \$102,500 to secure the passage of the bank ordinance, which included an interest rate of only 2 per cent, whereas other reputable institutions made written offers to pay 2 1/2 per cent, on daily balances. The bankers will be sharply examined on these facts.

To Reimburse Old Depositors.

Washington, Special.—A bill to reimburse the 61,131 depositors in the Old Freedman's Saving and Trust Company has been favorably reported to the Senate by the Committee on Education and Labor. For this purpose \$1,291,744.50 is made available. One provision of the bill prevents the employment of a legal representative to assist in collecting the money. Claims must be made within one year after the bill becomes a law.

Can't Vote on Saloon Question.

Chicago, Special.—Chicago will not vote on the saloon question on April 5, the election commissioners upholding the contention of the "wets" that of the 74,000 names signed to the petition of the "drys" to have the question "shall this city become anti-saloon territory" put on the ballots, 26,128 were those of persons not registered.

Charges Against Court of Inquiry.

Washington, Special.—Just as the army court of inquiry, which is investigating the Brownsville raid of 1906, was in one of its closing sessions, Attorney C. B. Marshall, who has been appearing as counsel for the negro soldiers seeking restoration to the army, sprang a sensation by implying broadly that the court had been improperly constructed by Secretary Dickinson and that the recorder, Capt. Charles R. Howland of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, had made no effort to produce any testimony favorable to the discharged soldiers.

Prof. Cook Accepts Consulship.

Washington, Special.—Prof. Arthur B. Cook, of South Carolina, formerly of Wofford College, has decided to accept the position of United States consul at Patros, Greece, recently tendered him.

Vesuvius Active, Too.

Naples, By Cable.—Five new large fissures have opened near the central crater of Mount Vesuvius, but the volcano shows no great activity.