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SENATE ASKS ABOUT CAMPAIGN GIFTS

Adopts Tillman's Resolution Calling for Investigation by
the Secretary of Treasury of the National Bank
Aid in Politics.

SOUTH CAROLINIAN QUOTES

PRESIDENT AS HIS EXAMPLE

Question of Campaign Contributions by Life Insurance
Companies Is Broached, and Gives Opportunity for
Caustic Comment and Racy Repartee.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The subject of campaign contributions by insurance companies occupied the major portion of the time of the Senate today. It came up in connection with Mr. Tillman's resolution calling for an investigation of national bank aid in politics and was exploited by the South Carolina Senator in a speech of some length. It was couched in characteristic language and attracted considerable attention.

The resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report whether the reports of the national bank examiners show that the banks have made campaign contributions in recent years was adopted at the close of Mr. Tillman's remarks.

Outlining his reasons for the inquiry, Mr. Tillman called attention to the recommendation made by the President in his annual messages of 1904 and 1905 for the enactment of a law for protection against bribery and corruption in connection with elections.

He quoted with especial emphasis the President's remarks concerning campaign contributions by corporations. "Our chief executive has taken a very progressive stand to secure purity in elections," he said, and added, "every good American will say 'well done' and look for progress along that line."

He also quoted statements by Secretary Root and Perry Belmont, of New York, of the same tenor as the President's remarks, saying that he would be impartial as between parties.

He contended that the Secretary might not have the facts wanted but thought he ought to have. Incidentally Mr. Tillman said that he had been informed that the Comptroller of the Currency has been investigating the subject of bank contributions with the view of instituting legal proceedings.

Before Mr. Tillman had proceeded far, Mr. Gallinger, who yesterday objected to the consideration of the resolution at that time, said that he had done so only for the purpose of inspecting it, that he had done so and, being entirely satisfied as to its propriety, would support it to the resolution.

Can Make Discoveries Worth While. Continuing, Mr. Tillman said that the

Comptroller has means of getting information which others have not, and added that if he would "push in his probe he can make discoveries that are worth while." He added that his reasons for requesting the information is found in the revelations concerning the insurance companies.

"It has been shown by the testimony, or confession of a member of this body," he said, "that for ten years the insurance corporations have been making annual donations to the Republican party with the understanding that they should be protected from adverse legislation at Albany." He went on to say that such revelations were not agreeable.

"I am the holder of a small policy in one of the Mutuals," he said, "and I don't like to have my dividends cut down in order to give Mr. McCurdy \$150,000 and his sisters, his cousins and his aunts \$75,000 each."

He expressed doubt as to the right of the Federal authorities to take control of insurance companies, and Mr. Hale interrupted to say that he agreed with Mr. Tillman on that point.

Mr. Bailey asked whether the insurance company contributions to the Republican National Committee had been returned to the donors.

"I understood," replied Mr. Tillman, "that the President was going to have Mr. Cortelyou return them, but I don't know whether he has done so. I know that I have not got my share."

Mr. Spooner—"Is your's a life policy?"

Mr. Tillman—"It is."

Mr. Spooner—"Then it is not yet time to realize on it."

Mr. Tillman replied that it was dividends and not the policy itself that he wanted paid.

"These," he said, "were pitifully small, while Mr. McCurdy has been getting fat without doing anything."

Mr. Bailey said he had not supposed that the President would make a second recommendation on the subject of punishing campaign contributors until the money had been returned.

"Ah! Mr. President," responded Mr. (Continued on Page Six, Col. 2.)

GETTING THE SPEAKER'S EAR



Courtesy Washington Post.

RUSSIAN WORKMEN NOW SUPREME, WITTE HELPLESS, PRINCESSES SORT MAIL

Organizations Force Premier To Yield by Threats of a General Strike—New Mutinies
Among Troops Reported Hourly—Lawlessness Increasing Throughout the
Empire—Bankruptcy Faces Nation—Run On State Bank
—Officials Working In Postoffice.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 7.—Public confidence in the government's ability to weather the growing storm is waning fast. Premier Witte seems powerless to cope with the new elements of danger which the revolution is raising on every hand. New mutinies among the troops are constantly reported and the lawlessness in the country is increasing.

Whenever the dreaded workmen's organizations present a united front as they did last night the Premier is compelled to strike his colors.

It now appears that the comrades of Sokoloff, the railroad engineer of Samara, whose condemnation to death threatened the country with a general railroad strike, independently organized the strike on the trans-Caspian line from Alexandrovsk to Tashkent. The Governor-General of Kurland, who exercises plenary powers on the Afghan frontier without consulting with the St. Petersburg authorities, sentenced a court-martial and sentenced Sokoloff to death. The Premier, as a result of the action of the Executive Committee of the Railroad Employees' Union in preparing for a general strike unless the sentence was reversed before midnight, Decem-

ber 6th, was compelled to get M. Nemezhoff, the Minister of Communications, to employ the railroad telegraph to forward a stay of execution which fortunately arrived in time. Had the man been shot nothing would have prevented a universal strike. This danger for the moment has again passed but the weapon always hangs over the head of the government as a threat against any new arbitrary act.

Attack On Credit Threatened. The immediate danger confronting the government is a concerted attack on the country's credit. The public fear that the government can be forced to suspend gold payments increases daily.

This would be the crowning achievement of the revolutionists who are satisfied that with the attending financial crash the whole house would come tumbling down. The chances of driving the Government into bankruptcy, they profess to believe, would be materially increased if the confidence of the foreign holders of Russian obligations was undermined and the news that the French investors who hold four-fifths of Russia's immense foreign indebtedness were unloading was received with jubilation by the revolutionists.

At the same time it created a veritable panic on the Bourse. The savings

bank was subjected to a run at the State bank a long line of nervous men and women for hours to exchange paper money for gold. The bank officials did not attempt to dissuade them and exchanged rolls of gold for bills as fast as the latter were presented.

The only break in the ranks of the telegraphers is reported from Kasean, Middle Russia. Elsewhere all the government's attempts to resume telegraphic communication have been unsuccessful. In this city there has been a partial resumption of mail delivery by means of volunteers, but it requires two policemen or two soldiers to escort every carrier.

In the postoffice the officials who can be spared are working in other departments with volunteers, some of whom are of high rank. Princess Obolensky, Princess Kothlybe, Countess Morvinoff and Countess Ozeroff are sorting letters in the mailing room. At Moscow over twenty carloads of letters are undelivered.

At Khar'kov it is reported that 5,000 soldiers have agreed not to fire on the people and at Rostoff the Third Grenadier Artillery, consisting of 400 men, has held a meeting and formulated service demands. Similar action, it is rumored, has been taken by the military

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\$71,000 PAID FOR NOTED RACE SIRE

Mr. J. B. Haggin Purchases Water
Cress, Who Is Sixteen
Years Old.

THIRD HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID BY AMERICAN

Four Days' Sale of Celebrated Race
Horses and Brood Mares Brought to a
Close, Which Amounted in All to
\$405,275.

New York, Dec. 7.—Water Cress, a brown stallion, 16 years old, by Springfield-Wheridale, bred by Lord Falknouth in England, was sold by auction today for \$71,000, to J. B. Haggin, who actually owned a half interest in the horse through the Haggin-Teris partnership in the famous Rancho del Paso stud. Today marked the end of the four days' dispersal sale of all the thoroughbreds of this stud. Over 400 head were sold, bringing a grand total of \$405,275.

The price paid for Water Cress today was the third largest ever paid for a horse by an American owner. The stallion Ormonde, sire of Ormondale, winner of this year's Futurity, and now at the Ormondale farm, in California, was bought at an auction sale in South America for \$150,000. St. Blaise brought the highest prices ever paid at a sale in this country, being bid in for \$100,000 at the dispersal sale of the stable of the late August Belmont. Water Cress is the sire of Water Color, Water Boy, Nasturium and many other horses prominent on the American turf. He will be sent to Mr. Haggin's Elmendorf stud in Kentucky.

Star Ruby, sire of Africander, Sombrero, Animosity, Shooting Star and other well-known performers, was bid in by Mr. Haggin today for \$30,000. Mr. Haggin also secured Gold Finch and St. Gatien at \$16,000 each.

Richmond Company Gets Contract. Washington, Dec. 7.—A contract was awarded today by the War Department to the Richmond Iron Works, of Richmond, Va., for fifty 2 1/2-inch life-saving guns at \$90.00 each. The Richmond company's bid was the lowest.

10 DEAD; 19 HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Overland Limited in Head-on Col-
lision With Freight in
Wyoming.

CARS CATCH FIRE WHICH ADD TO THE HORROR

Both Engines Demolished And Three
Cars Burn To the Wheels, While Sev-
eral Unfortunate Passengers Were
Trapped And Burned To A Crisp.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—Ten persons were killed and eleven train employees and eight passengers were injured in the wreck of Overland Limited passenger train No. 2 on the Union Pacific, five miles west of Rock Springs, Wyoming, this morning.

The limited was run into head-on, by a freight train and both engines were demolished. The dynamo car, mail car and dining car on the limited burned to the wheels. Several of the dead were incinerated.

An extra freight train was given an order before it left Rock Springs to meet four eastbound passenger trains, of which the Overland Limited was the last one, at Alsay, a siding five miles west of Rock Springs.

The freight took the siding at Alsay and waited until three of the trains had passed east and then pulled out. When a mile and a half west of Alsay the freight met the Overland Limited and crashed into it, head-on.

Both engines were demolished and the three first cars of the Overland Limited immediately caught fire and were destroyed.

Engineer Brink of the freight train, who, it is said officially, was responsible for overrunning his orders, was one of the killed. Several trains had been badly delayed at Granger, with the result that the four passenger trains were running close to each other. The freight received positive orders to meet all four of these trains at Alsay, and the officials say that the orders were either misunderstood or misread.

SOUTHERN BELL TO INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK \$29,000,000

Increase Already Have Been Over Sub-
scribed by Present Stockholders—
One-Half to be Issued Now.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 7.—W. T. Gentry, vice president and general manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, who has returned from New York, is the authority for the statement that the stockholders of the company will vote on the proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$1,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

This proposition is to be passed upon at a meeting in New York city next Wednesday. A recent meeting of the directors in New York decided to recommend the increase which will be submitted to the stockholders.

It is also reported that the proposed increase of \$29,000,000 of new stock has been already over subscribed by the present holders of the stock. It is proposed to issue but one half the new stock at present.

SHAW PREPARES TO RELIEVE THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Twenty Millions of Dollars Will Be Dis-
tributed Among the Leading Banks
In Large Cities If Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Although Secretary Shaw declines to make any statement on the subject, it is known that he is giving serious thought to the question of making temporary deposits in some of the banks in the principal cities with a view to relieving the money situation.

It is understood that in case the present stringency continues and threatens seriously to affect interests outside of the speculative market, deposits aggregating \$20,000,000 will be distributed among the leading banks in some of the larger cities.

Child Burned To Death. Charlotte, Dec. 7.—In Coddytown, one of Charlotte's negro suburbs, the two-year-old child of El Smith died early this morning as the result of burns it received last evening. The child's parents left the house yesterday evening, leaving the baby with a four-year-old sister, who when she discovered that the child's clothing was on fire, extinguished the flames by means of a bucket of water but the child was already fatally burned.

NAVAL STORES EXPORT CO. INCREASES ITS CAPITAL

Stockholders Meet and Decide to Capiti-
lize For \$2,000,000, Readily
Subscribing Stock.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 7.—The stockholders of the Naval Stores Export Company met here with a view towards increasing the total authorized capital stock of the company to \$2,000,000. Eight thousand and nine hundred and eighty-one shares of the stock were represented, most of it in person.

The vote on the question of increasing the capital stock was unanimous. Subscriptions were solicited for the increased capital stock, and two committees were appointed to receive subscriptions.

A large number of subscriptions were announced during the meeting and made immediately afterward and a number of the largest operators in attendance expressed a willingness and purpose to double their subscriptions heretofore made and to do the same thing every year for five years if the interest of the company required it.

\$11,000,000 IS VOTED FOR PANAMA CANAL

House Compromises on the \$16,500,000 Carried in Bill
Under Consideration and Williams' Recommenda-
tion for \$6,000,000.

MEASURE AMENDED TO DIRECT

PRESIDENT TO REQUIRE REPORTS

Besides Appropriation Act Contains Provision Removing
Tax Disability Against Proposed Bonds to Be Is-
sued for Construction of the Canal.

Washington, Dec. 7.—An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was voted today toward the construction of the Panama Canal. The amount was a compromise between the \$16,500,000 carried in the bill under consideration and an estimate of something over \$6,000,000 recommended by Mr. Williams, the Democratic leader, to carry on the work until the middle of January.

Mr. Hepburn in charge of the bill suggested that something over \$11,000,000 would carry on the work until March. There was no intention manifested to delay the work, the only argument for cutting down the original estimate being that closer scrutiny might be had of the estimates.

The bill was amended in accordance with suggestions by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, directing the President to require annual reports from canal construction officers covering all detail of the work; requiring such employees to give Congress any information it may desire, and restricting all expenditures to money ap-

propriated by Congress and to that received by the operation of the property of the Panama railroad.

Otherwise the bill was not amended, and contains beside the appropriation, a provision removing a tax disability against the proposed bonds to be issued for the construction of the canal, thus placing the bonds on a footing with other government bonds as available for security for national bank circulation and for issuance by the Treasury for the money appropriated in the bill.

The bond provision in the bill was a point of attack today. Mr. Williams offered several unsuccessful amendments, all seeking to abandon the policy of issuing bonds for the canal work on the ground that there are sufficient available funds in the Treasury to meet all needed demands for canal work. Mr. Overstreet did not succeed in amending the bill so that the \$11,000,000 already expended in canal construction might

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FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE MRS. ROGERS PRESIDENT HONORS GREENSBORO MAN

Friends of Condemned Woman
Plan to Ask Governor
to Intercede.

A. M. Scales Made Member of the
Board of Visitors at the
Naval Academy.

BELIEF IS GENERAL THAT SENTENCE WILL BE EXECUTED

MR. ROOSEVELT FAVORS BILL
TO EXTEND FOREIGN TRADE

Affidavits As to Insanity in Family of
Murderess and a Petition Having
43,000 Signatures Principal Feature
Upon Which Hopes Are Based.

Hamilton Statehood Bill Likely to Pass
—Census Department Promises That
Ginners' Report Will Be Issued Four-
teen Times a Month.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 7.—A final attempt to prolong the life of Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers, whose execution has been set for tomorrow will be made early in the morning. Governor Charles J. Bell, who has been in the West, left Montreal tonight for White River Junction, where he has arranged to remain tomorrow to be within easy reach of the state officials and attorneys. E. B. Hunt, of Sudbury, Vt., one of the lawyers who has been laboring in behalf of the condemned woman for more than a year, left Montreal tonight for St. Johns, Quebec, where he expects to intercept the Governor before night.

Charles A. Metcalfe, of Hoosic Falls, N. Y., the home of Mrs. Rogers' relatives, reached this city tonight and will accompany Mr. Elliot to White River Junction for the purpose of presenting a number of affidavits to Governor Bell if the latter will receive them and agree to grant a hearing. The affidavits relate largely to the reported presence of insanity in Mrs. Rogers' family and form the basis of the only hope for a reprieve.

Those who have followed the case out of the celebrated case expressed little hope tonight that Governor Bell would alter his previous decision not to grant another reprieve. Personally, the Governor is opposed to capital punishment, but he has taken the stand that the existing law must be carried out so long as it remains on the statute books.

Mrs. Jessie Quarlow, of Cincinnati, who says she bears a petition with 43,000 signatures in favor of saving the life of the condemned woman, arrived here tonight and left for Montpelier Junction to board the train which carries the Governor.

MRS. ROGERS AWAITS END INDIFFERENTLY

Windsor, Vt., Dec. 7.—With the appointed time of her execution not twenty-four hours distant, Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers spent today in her cell as if a state prisoner, apparently in utter indifference as to the issue which she is to face tomorrow. The Rev. C. C. Delaney, a Roman Catholic priest of Burlington, who has attended her while she has been in prison, administered the sacrament of the Holy Communion to the woman this morning.

Ten or more deputy sheriffs had arrived at the prison today in connection with the plans for tomorrow's execution. During the afternoon the gallows were erected and tested.

The execution is expected to take place about 1 p. m. During the afternoon Sheriff Feek formally read the death warrant to Mrs. Rogers. She listened without emotion. This was the third time that the death warrant had been read to her.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The president informed Senator Overman today that he would appoint State Senator A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, a member of the board of visitors to the Naval Academy. This position was obtained last year for Capt. John Wilkes, of Charlotte, by the Senator.

While at the White House, the President discussed with Senator Overman his bill for creating a world's market commission looking to the development of the cotton and other trades in foreign countries. Mr. Roosevelt is strongly in favor of the bill, and he may send a special message to Congress urging its passage.

It is generally expected that before the holidays the Hamilton bill will be introduced into the House and will be passed by the House of Representatives and will be referred to the committee on territories of the Senate.

The bill is in line with the recommendations of the President's message, and makes two States out of the four territories that have long been seeking admission. The House has been insistent that all of these territories shall be provided for in a bill where any of them is to be entered for. In the last Congress the Senate was inclined to cut down this broad scope of the bill, but the friends of the measure now say that there is an ample number in the Senate to pass a bill in line with the recommendations of the President.

A pretty wedding took place last night at the residence of Madame Cecilia Young Smith, when her granddaughter, Clara Mohan Davis, the youngest daughter of the late Major Francis A. Davis, U. S. A., and Mr. Clyde Bennett Kendall, of Murree, N. C., were the principals.

C. P. Webb, who has been advocating a daily ginners' report to be published by the Census Department, obtained from Director North today the promise that a report will in the future be issued fourteen times each month instead of twice a month.

It is believed that the issuance of a report for six days in advance of the date for the regular semi-monthly reports will prevent extreme fluctuations in market prices. Mr. North says the information is available and will not cost the government any more than at present.

The resignation of Claude D. Holland as postmaster at Gastonia has been requested by the Postoffice Department on the strength of charges preferred against him.

Slays Self And Daughter-In-Law. Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Philip Vaughan was shot and killed in her bedroom at Culpeper, Va., today by her father-in-law, John J. Vaughan, who then committed suicide by shooting. No motive is known for the double tragedy.