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BILL PASSED AT LAST

Railroad Measure Passes Senate After 12 Weeks.

TWELVE DEMOCRATS VOTED NO.

Senator LaFollette Incorporates Amendment Permitting Widows and Minors of Deceased Railroad Employees to Ride Free on Trains

Washington, Special.—The Senate passed the administration railroad bill Friday night. It had been under consideration for more than twelve weeks and practically no other business except appropriation bills were considered in that long period.

Only 12 votes, all of these by Democrats, were recorded against the bill. The practicable unanimity with which the measure was passed was due to the radical changes made in the measure from the form in which it was drafted by Attorney General Wickersham, following numerous conferences at the White House on the subject of amending interstate commerce laws.

Had it not been for the retention of the sections to create a court of commerce it is likely that the vote for the bill would have been unanimous.

An amendment by Mr. La Follette permitting railroads to issue passes to the widows, during widowhood, and minor children of employees killed in the line of service, was accepted without division.

The only provision in the bill applicable to other than railroad corporations is one regulating injunctions by the Federal courts which suspend the operation of State laws. It is provided that such action shall be taken only when presented to a justice of the Supreme Court or a circuit judge and heard by three judges, one of whom shall be a Supreme Court justice or a circuit court judge.

Clark to Go as North Carolinian.

Washington, Special.—Representative Champ Clark, minority leader of the House, has set for himself an approximate age limit in public at about 75 years of age.

"The people may set my time of retirement a little earlier than that," he suggested laughingly when discussing political age limits with a newspaper man. "So far as I know the only public man who set an age limit on his service and lived to it was Nathan Macdonald, of North Carolina, Speaker and Senator," said Mr. Clark. "When in his prime he set the exact age at which he would retire. When that day arrived he was in the middle of a Senatorial term, but kept his word and resigned. He was one of the greatest men of that era."

Another Polite "Theory."

Louisville, Ky., Special.—It is now the police theory that the Kellner child, who was late for the church service, was discovered alone in the church by Joseph Wendling, the missing janitor, assaulted and murdered and her body dragged through the church and dropped into the basement through a hole in the sacristy.

Another Newspaper Prize.

New York, Special.—The New York Times announces that it has arranged with J. C. Shaffer of the Chicago Evening Post for an offer of \$25,000 for an aeroplane race between Chicago and New York.

Subscribers Must Pay in Advance.

New York, Special.—Mayor Gaynor announced Tuesday on behalf of the New York World, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a \$30,000 prize for a successful aeroplane flight from New York to St. Louis.

Elephant Stole Lady's Diamond.

New York, Special.—The authorities at the Bronx zoological gardens regretfully admit that Alice, the biggest elephant at the zoo, is a thief. She stole a diamond ring from Miss Elizabeth Morrell, of Chappaqua, N. Y., who was feeding crackers to her. The ring, which was on Miss Morrell's finger, was loose, and Alice apparently snatched it under the impression that it was good to eat.

Let It Be Soon.

Atlantic City, Special.—Industrial conditions were condemned and resolutions urging that the church take steps to improve the conditions of the working classes were adopted at the closing session of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church, held here.

"Pied" a Newspaper Office.

Lead, S. D., Special.—A mob broke into the office of the Black Hills Daily Register, of this city, and with sledge hammers, destroyed three presses and a linotype machine. The attack is attributed to labor troubles.

GOV. CALLS LEGISLATURE

Extraordinary Session June 14, Take Action on Bond Issue.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Governor Kitchin issued Friday evening a proclamation calling the North Carolina General Assembly to meet in extraordinary session here June 14 to take action as to the impending \$3,430,000 refunding bond issue to take care of bonds falling due July 1, the necessity for the special session being the inability of the Council of State to market the refunding bonds at this time in sufficient quantities under the restrictions of the legislative act authorizing them to meet the July bond obligations.

Mr. Ballinger Will Resign.

Washington, Special.—Richard A. Ballinger will resign his post at the head of the interior department. His resignation will be accepted by President Taft, who is aware of the intention of Mr. Ballinger to surrender his portfolio.

The resignation will be submitted as soon as the investigating committee shall have filed its reports exonerating Mr. Ballinger of the charges brought against him. That this will be the nature of the report is not doubted, although one and possibly two minority reports will be submitted, neither of which will relieve Ballinger of blame.

Information of Secretary Ballinger's intention to resign comes from a source whose reliability is entirely beyond question.

Southern Spending Money.

Washington, Special.—Contracts for locomotives, rolling stock, steel rails and fittings, involving a total expenditure of \$7,290,000 have been let by the Southern Railway company according to announcement made Wednesday, thus carrying out the statements as to orders to be given, contained in President Finley's announcement of March 17.

By these contracts 75 locomotives, 3,620 all steel 50-ton coal and coke cars, and 10 combined passenger-baggage cars are to be added to the motive power and rolling stock equipment of the Southern. In addition to this, contracts have been let for 46,000 tons of 85-pound steel rail and for 190,000 improved joints for use with this rail.

Disaster in New York Subway.

New York, Special.—Two hundred hysterical women, screaming children and panic-stricken men fought, their way through a dense smoke in the Mott avenue subway station in the Bronx Thursday, striving to escape. Only one elevator was available to take them to the street, which is 65 feet above the subway level at this point, and the crush to reach this exit on the five flights of stairs which led to the surface increased the panic.

Fifteen persons were overcome by smoke and two men were injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment.

Fire in an automatic pumping station caused the smoke. The damage was nominal.

Ex-Gov. Folk in Democratic Race.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Missourians of all factions at a dinner Thursday night heard former Governor Joseph W. Folk announce the principles on which, it is said, he will seek the Presidential nomination in 1912. The dinner was in charge of men who have been promoting the boom of the former governor.

Identified by Teeth.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—Ginseng diggers in the mountain of Fayette county found the body of Mrs. Rachel Carter Martin, who suddenly disappeared while on a visit to her brother in January, 1908. The body was identified by peculiar filling of the teeth.

No Aid to Special Railroad.

Washington, Special.—President Taft says that during his administration he will not lend his approval to legislation designed to give government aid to specific railroad interests in Alaska. Instead, he favors a general law which will apply to all who comply with its provisions; a law modeled after the policy which for years has been in effect in the Philippine islands.

Would Combine Memorial Days.

Richmond, Virginia, Special.—The Rev. James Cannon, Jr., a prominent Virginia Methodist and delegate from the general Southern board to the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, advocates the combining of Decoration Day of the North with all Confederate memorial days in the South into one celebration.

A Murderer at 80.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.—John Dent, 80 years of age, shot and killed Henry Watson at Clintwood, Va. Thursday.

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

The month of May contributed a ghastly record of 30 suicides in Pennsylvania.

Ninety-five per cent of the moving picture places in New York are dens of iniquity.

In Louisiana, under the present statutes, the appearance of any child under 16 years of age in theatres at night is prohibited.

Cuba willingly authorizes the raising of the wreck of the battle ship Maine, and will give every assistance to the Americans in the work.

The supreme court of the United States set the corporation tax cases for reargument at the beginning of the next term before a full bench.

The directors of American Snuff company, New York, have declared a quarterly dividend of 5 per cent, and an extra dividend of 2 per cent.

The South Atlantic States Corn exposition which is to be held in Columbia, S. C., from December 5 to 8 is attracting attention all over the South.

Five thousand bales of Southern cotton are on their way back to Southern spinners after a journey from the South to Liverpool and from Liverpool to New York.

Lack of faith in banks and the use of an old vest as a depository cost Dominick Rosato his life savings of \$747, at Chicago. His wife threw the vest in the fire.

The output of the government's smokeless powder factory at Picatinny, N. J., arsenal is to be trebled soon. The factory will be able to turn out 3,000 pounds daily.

In an opinion handed down Wednesday, the Interstate Commerce Commission declined to issue an order which might disturb the system of rice rates in the South.

Police records of Gary, Ind., for May show that one person in every 40 in the city was arrested during the month. The saloons, which reopened May 1, number 135.

Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn has been making a series of lectures in Newark, N. J., in behalf of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race.

"I'd rather be known as a boodler than a liar," said State Senator Daniel Holstlaw in an interview at Iuka, Ill., speaking of his confession to accepting a bribe of \$2,500 as a legislator.

Although the New York market reports show that butter receipts in May were larger than usual, the prices of the best grades are higher now than they have been before at this time since the civil war.

By a vote of 31 to 25 the senate refused to challenge the supreme court of the United States to another decision regarding the right of common carriers to transport commodities produced by themselves.

The supreme court of the United States Wednesday advanced the so-called government Panama canal libel suit against the Press Publishing company of New York for hearing the first Tuesday of next October.

Gov. Hadley and John H. Curran, commissioner of immigration of Missouri, have started a fund which is expected to reach \$10,000, to be given to the aviator who in 24 hours shall fly from St. Louis to Kansas City, a distance of 288 miles.

In a far-reaching decision in the case of Monroe Hampton, a negro boy of 12, sent up for two years in Lauderdale county, for burglary, the Alabama supreme court held that no confession of a child under 14 years of age, could be used toward conviction. As a result a new trial was ordered.

Eighty-five employees of the Treasury Department received "vacation notices" Wednesday, which means that they were permanently relieved from duty.

King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, thinks highly of the American Cross of Honor Society, and has sent Thomas Herndon, at Washington, the president, an autographed photograph of himself as a token of his friendliness to the organization.

A collar which a couple of years ago became soiled in one day can now be worn for two days in Chicago, so great have been the strides in abating the smoke nuisance, according to City Smoke Inspector Bird.

Miss Sarah E. Peck, a member of the faculty of Union College, Lincoln, Neb., was fined by United States District Judge Munger \$10, after she had entered her voluntary appearance. Miss Peck was indicted by a Federal grand jury on the charge that she wifely refused to give her age to the census enumerator or to answer questions as to whether she had been married or divorced. Her age has not yet been made public.

Aerial navigation has made such rapid progress that Secretary of State Knox and the government of Mexico are negotiating an aviation treaty governing the passage of air ships across the border line between these two countries.

Memorial Day was observed at Paris by all Americans. The embassy and consulate was closed and Ambassador Bacon and Consul General Mason made a trip to the Cemetery of Piques to lay flowers on the grave of Lafayette.

Not one cent of the Rockefeller million dollar fund for the investigation of the hookworm disease will be spent in Texas. The State Board of health refuses to contribute an equal share of the fund.

Kissing as a perfectly safe pastime has just received the O. K. of Dr. A. M. Worthington, a professor in the Harvard medical school, Boston. Persons who refrain because of fear of the interchange of bacteria are martyring themselves uselessly the educator told his audience at a lecture on "Man and His Bacteria."

Rural Carrier Remembered.

Washington, Pa., Special.—George White, a farmer and rural mail carrier at Rea, has delivered to himself a letter from a lawyer in a western state informing him that one Patrick Sullivan has left to him in his will \$10,000. White, who first took it as a joke, has remembered that 15 years ago he befriended a peddler whose name was Patrick Sullivan. He had often treated him to meals or lodging.

Convict's Heroism Rewarded.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—As a result of heroism during the fire which cremated 26 negro convicts, at Lucile mines on May 15th, last, Nathan Page, a life convict, will be paroled. Page dashed into the fire and saved J. O. Thompson, one of the guards who had been overcome by the fumes of the burning oil while trying to unlock the cell in which the loss of life took place. Suggestion of the coroner's jury that this be done has the approval of the convict board.

Foreigners in Danger in China.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The city of Nanking, China, has been posted with placards inciting the people to the destruction of foreign life and property.

President's New Private Secretary.

Washington, Special.—Charles D. Norton, of Chicago, assistant secretary of the treasury, was appointed secretary to the President Wednesday.

Terrific Tornado in Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—A tornado here Thursday night, reaching a velocity of 62 miles an hour and lasting for 16 minutes did more damage than any in the history of the city, with the exception of the great tornado in 1878.

Death From Unusual Fall.

Cleveland, Special.—Plunging head foremost down a flight of stairs, and through the window of a door, William Raddatz, 36 years old, had his head almost severed from his body by the broken glass.

Bride in Agony Ten Years.

New York, Special.—When Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cummings, of Binghamton, N. Y., were married 10 years ago their friends showered them with rice.

One kernel lodged in the bride's ear. For 10 years it defied the efforts of physicians and surgeons to dislodge it. Three fruitless operations were performed, and a short time ago she entered the Post Graduate Hospital here for treatment. Brain fever developed and she died Saturday.

Important Action of Mayors.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The State Municipal association, the closing session of the second annual convention, unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Walter Clarke, Jr., of Raleigh, endorsing the commission form of city government.

It is also to ask the legislature to enact a general law allowing cities by popular vote to adopt the commission form of government. Mayor F. N. Tate of High Point was elected president of the association and it was decided to hold the next annual session in Raleigh.

Very Late About Important Matter.

Washington, Special.—Authorization for the compilation of the military and naval records of the Revolutionary War, with a view to their publication, is contained in a bill reported to the Senate Saturday from the Committee on Military Affairs. These records are greatly scattered and it would be a gigantic task to find and assemble them in satisfactory manner. For this purpose it is proposed that an appropriation of \$50,000 shall be made.

HONOR MEMORY DAVIS

Six Southern States Unveil Memorial Windows

Petersburg, Va., Special.—Six Southern States Friday, the 102d anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis of the Southern Confederacy, honored the memory of their soldier dead who fell before this city during the war by dedicating memorial windows in the old Blandford church here, in the cemetery of which lie buried these martyrs of a Lost Cause. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the Ladies' Memorial association.

F. H. Weston, State senator, representing Gov. Ansel of South Carolina, presented the window given by that State and made the address.

Alabama's window was presented by Gen. C. Irvine Walker; Congressman J. W. Collier, of Mississippi presented the window of his State; the Tennessee window was presented by Capt. Carter R. Bishop of Mississippi, and Miss Mary Harvard unveiled the Arkansas window and Miss Fannie Constable the Maryland window.

The six windows were accepted by Gov. William Hodges Mann of Virginia, on behalf of the Ladies' Memorial association of Petersburg.

With the unveiling of the six windows Friday, all of these Southern States now are represented in Blandford church, except Georgia, Florida, and Texas.

U. S. Court of Customs.

Washington, Special.—With two hundred and twenty-five cases on its docket as a starter the latest Federal court, the United States court of customs appeals, will begin business Tuesday.

It consists of Presiding Judge Robert M. Montgomery of Michigan; and Associate Judges William H. Hurt of Montana; James F. Smith of California; Orion M. Barber of Vermont and Marion De Vries of California.

The term of the court will probably run through June and July. The court may adjourn then until September or October.

One of the rules permits attorneys before the Federal courts or the court of last resort in a State or territory to become a member of the bar either by recommendation by a judge in one of these courts, or upon motion by an attorney of the customs court.

Whew! Some Dividend.

New York, Special.—One of the largest "melons" ever sliced for the delectation of stockholders will be cut by the Singer Manufacturing company, which has called a meeting of directors on June 18 to declare a \$30,000,000 stock dividend to its shareholders.

Is It Necessary?

Washington, Special.—General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, will leave for the Philippines the last of June to make an extensive inspection of the governmental machinery of the islands.

Baptist Missionaries Watery Grave.

Bombay, By Cable.—Miss W. Williams and Howard Bishop, missionaries of the American Baptist Society, were drowned while sea bathing in the gulf of Bombay, at Balsar, north of this city.

Bishop lost his life in attempting to save his companion, Miss Williams.

Troubles of the Rich.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw has asked the Supreme Court in Brooklyn for an allowance of \$8,000 with which to contest the appeal which her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, has taken from the separation decree recently granted her.

Young Lady Sat on Burglar.

New York, Special.—Unmindful of a revolver which he leveled at her, Ereda Dolinsky, a girl of 20, tackled a burglar in her parents' home early Sunday and floored him with a seltzer bottle. She followed this by breaking a tumbler on the burglar's head, stunning him, then sat on him until help arrived. She is the daughter of a silk manufacturer.

Innocent of Murder.

St. Louis, Special.—Mrs. Dora Elizabeth Doney was found not guilty Saturday by the jury which heard the evidence against her on a charge of murdering William J. Erder with arsenic. She was rearrested on the charge of bigamy.

A Month to Pass \$110,000,000.

Washington, Special.—After serving as a vehicle for political debate in the House of Representatives, for nearly a month, the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying proposed appropriations aggregating \$110,000,000, was passed Saturday.

SOCIALISM FEARED

Framing an Issue for the Coming Campaign

TAFT'S SPEECH IN MICHIGAN

Points Out the Demands and Contentions of the Socialists, and Admits That it is a Very Grave Problem, and One That Has Not Yet Been Solved by the American People.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—President Taft Saturday proclaimed socialism as the great problem that confronts the American people, the issue that is soon to come and that must be skillfully met. He predicted that the American people must soon determine whether it shall trust the same party with the solution of "that problem than which we have had no greater in the history of the country."

Mr. Taft spoke with great earnestness and his remarks seemed deeply to impress his hearers. By many his words were taken as framing an issue for the coming campaign.

He said: "The issue that is being framed, as it seems to me, is the issue with respect to the institution of private property. There are those who charge to that institution the corruption that grew out of those abuses, the unequal distribution of property, the poverty of some and the undue wealth of others, and therefore say 'We will have none of it and we must have a new rule of distribution that for want of a better name we shall call socialism.'"

"On the other hand it is contended that it is not the institution of private property that shall be abolished, but only that the time has come in which it is necessary to lay down certain rules restricting and regulating the use of that private property which shall not deprive the world of individual effort but which shall still keep the law and the opportunity to use private property under such control that these abuses may be wiped out and the boon of individual effort still be left to us.

"Now, my friends, that presents a great and difficult problem that I am quite willing to admit we have not yet solved."

Automobiles Ruining Men.

New York, Special.—There are so many young men coursing about the country in automobiles and their pleasure absorbs such a large share of the productive capital of the country that Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University believes it is becoming a question if the automobile is not a curse to the country.

The chancellor was speaking to the graduating class of the University Sunday on self-sacrifice and self-denial and he chose the automobile as a "broad and apparent illustration" of a luxury that too often is not sacrificed.

"Young mechanics and clerks and business men," he said, "who need all of their capital, are mortgaging their homes by the thousands and losing their positions often by their infatuation with this form of pleasure."

Lack of self-denial is accountable, the chancellor believes, for a lower marriage rate.

Who Said That It Did?

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—President Taft delivered the annual commencement day oration at Bryn Mawr College, where his daughter Helen is a student. Taking for his subject "Higher Education for Women," the President declared that he favored the higher education of women, and said that he utterly dissented from the suggestion that higher education rather unfits them for the duties of a wife and mother.

Gold Stampeders.

Iditarod City, Alaska, Special.—(Via Kaltag, Alaska).—Three hundred and fifty prospectors, the first party of stampeders to reach the new Iditarod gold fields, reached Fairbanks Sunday after three-weeks trip down the Yukon river.

Uncle Sam After Murderer.

Washington, Special.—The State Department will render every possible assistance to the Louisville, Ky., authorities in tracking the murderer of little Alma Kellner.

Risked Life For False Teeth.

East Point, Ga., Special.—A Goldberg, a merchant, barely missed death Saturday morning when he attempted to rush into his burning residence and secure his set of false teeth. Friends barely reached him in time to detain him.