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## SUBSTITUTE OFFERED

### Carlisle's Currency Bill to be Withdrawn.

#### IT DIFFERS VERY MATERIALLY

Revenue Cutters Grant and Bush Offered to Northern Waters—Admiral Walker's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Carlisle currency bill now before the house of representatives will be withdrawn and a substitute presented. This decision was reached after a caucus of democratic members of the banking and currency committee quietly held last night, followed by a conference between Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer today. The substitute has already been drawn, and will be offered by Springer today or tomorrow, certainly before the holiday recess, as the desire of all concerned is to get it before the country prior to adjournment. It differs very materially from the original Carlisle bill.

Two very important features appear for the first time in the substitute. The original Carlisle bill contemplated that all national banks must reorganize under the new plan. This would have required them to surrender the government bonds which now constitute the basis of their circulation. The substitute does away with this imperative change. If the national banks wish to continue to hold their United States bonds and issue circulation thereon, they may do so. It is felt they will soon discover the advantages of the new system, and therefore adopt it voluntarily. The other important features of the substitute is that it does away with the unknown liability of the banks to guarantee the notes of all other banks. The original bill contemplated that if a national bank failed, its notes would be paid out of its assets and a general safety fund made up by all banks. But if the assets and safety fund were insufficient to pay the notes of the failed bank, then the comptroller of currency has to make a pro rata assessment and shoulder them with the unknown risks. In effect it made them supply insurance on all notes of the banks in which they had no concern. In view of these criticisms, the substitute will be the limit of liability of all banks for the failure of individual banks. They will, however, be compelled to keep up this safety fund by more rigid provisions than proposed in the original bill.

#### The Nicaragua Canal.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Chairman Bartlett, of the stockholders' reorganization committee of the Nicaraguan canal, in an interview today, and the whole of the Nicaraguan shares at his disposal had been taken in England. He could have sold many times the amount of the shares he possessed had they been available. He will sail for New York next week, to organize the new construction company and complete arrangements to place the securities of the company in the United States and Europe. Active work upon the canal will be begun soon. Among the members of the reorganization committee are some of the ablest leading English politicians and scientists. Bartlett says the building of the canal with or without the assistance of the United States has become a certainty.

#### The Wonderful Gold Veins Struck.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—The recent great gold strikes in the Leadville district are causing wild excitement. Railroads are taxed to their full capacity. The Denver, Leadville and Gunnison railway, the short line from Denver to the camp, is preparing to run extra trains to accommodate the travel. Gold strikes have been numerous in Leadville for the past two years, but none have attracted so much attention as the two latest, in the Rex and Triumph mines, which establish the fact that the gold belt extends at least three miles, the two discoveries being that far apart. The prospector that Leadville in 1895 will be the largest producer of gold in the world.

There was a large attendance of representative men at the convention of the Colorado Silver League today. After a hot discussion the following resolution was adopted with only two dissenting votes:

"That the words 'non-partisan' be stricken from the constitution and by-laws wherever they appear, and that the members of the Colorado Silver League refuse to affiliate or work with any political party which does not nationally declare, unequivocally, in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at rate of 16 to 1.

#### In the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—At least 20 members of the house crowded into the area in front of the speaker's rostrum today in an effort to secure the passage by unanimous consent of bills of local importance, but English of New Jersey, who has inaugurated a war of retaliation against unanimous consent legislation until a measure of his is passed, was on guard and obdurate. However, he allowed a joint resolution, offered by Livingston of Georgia, providing for the entrance of foreign exhibits to the cotton states' international exposition at Atlanta next year, to go through.

"This bill, I understand, involves the admission of contract labor," suggested Wilson of Washington, humorously. "I want to remind the gentleman that but a short time ago he was in a furor over the admission of a single coachman. Does this bill provide for the admission of English coachmen?"

"It does not," replied Livingston, amid laughter.

English also allowed the senate bill amending the act creating the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, to pass. English finally demanded the regular order.

A joint resolution, providing for a holiday recess from Saturday, December 22, to Thursday, January 3, was adopted. The house then, on Springer's motion, went into committee of the whole for further consideration of the currency bill.

Pandemonium of West Virginia was recognized by the chairman, but before he could proceed, Johnson of Indiana arose for the purpose, he stated, of propounding an inquiry to the chairman of the banking committee.

"I understand," said he, "at a meeting of the democratic members of the banking committee last night it was decided to offer a substitute to the pending measure, and the consent of the secretary was secured. Is my information correct? If so, I would suggest the substitute be now offered in order that we can proceed intelligently."

"Some time during the afternoon," replied Springer, "I will say it is my intention to introduce a substitute for the pending bill."

Springer, however, denied the consent of the secretary of the treasury had been asked for or obtained. The democratic members of the committee were responsible for the substitute.

#### Sir Charles Tupper Ill.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Canadian Commissioner Tupper has been ailing since his recent attack of influenza. Tuesday he was seized with a chill, and is now unable to leave the house. Owing to the condition of his health, Sir Charles will not accompany the body of Thompson to Canada on the cruiser Blenheim. Senator Sanford alone will sail with the remains.

#### Rioting in Peru.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Special dispatches from Lima, Peru, say a riot of the most serious nature has occurred at Lima. President Carcaeres, it appears, ordered a crowd of hungry men and women, accompanied by many children, to disperse. A riot occurred, which lasted three hours, during which many people were killed and injured.

#### Search for Missing Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Carlisle today ordered the revenue cutters Grant, at Port Townsend, and the Rush at San Francisco, to proceed to sea at once and steam northward in search of the nine American vessels which are eleven days overdue from Puget sound points.

#### The Seal Industry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The secretary of the treasury has sent to the house a letter saying as soon as the information mentioned in the resolution offered by Dingley relating to the Behring sea seal industry could be gathered it would be transmitted to the house.

#### Admiral Carpenter's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The navy department has received a report from Admiral Carpenter on the Great Yalu naval battle in the Chinese war. The admiral's report clearly shows the great value of battle ships.

#### Condition of National Banks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The controller of the currency has issued a call for reports of the condition of the national banks at the close of business December 19th.

#### The Storm in Europe.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Storm news from various parts of the coast shows the damage has been much greater than was at first supposed. The North sea beach in every direction has been washed away, and from 14 to 20 fishing vessels drawn up on the beach have been destroyed. The German bark Caroline has been wrecked off the coast, and 10 of the crew drowned.

## TRAFFIC IS BLOCKED

### Heavy Snow Storms on the South Side of the Siskiyou.

#### THREE PASSENGER TRAINS TIED UP

The Northbound is at Dunsuir, One Southbound at Edgewood and Another at Hornbrook.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—The storms which prevailed during the past week, blocked traffic on the Southern Pacific on the south side of the Siskiyou to Dunsuir almost completely yesterday and today, and three overlaid passenger trains, one northbound and two southbound, are blocked in that section. The severity of the storm is greatest on the south side of the Siskiyou, and through the upper Sacramento canyon in the Black Butte country, and in the vicinity of Sisson and Edgewood. Snow fell at the rate of a foot an hour, and for a time there was a blinding, tagging storm. There is reported along some sections of the road, a depth of eight feet of snow. On the Siskiyou there is only about four feet. At Ashland there is none. The railroad between Ashland and Hornbrook, on the further side of the Siskiyou pass, is clear. All the telegraph wires are down from heavy weight of the snow in the vicinity of Sisson and Edgewood, for some distance, and this has retarded the movement of the forces working to clear the track. Snow slides, carrying rock and earth, having added to the difficulty. A big rotary plow was put to work yesterday near Edgewood, but broke down this morning, and had to be sent back to Dunsuir for repairs. It reached Edgewood again this evening at 8 o'clock, and started to work. The railroad people expect that the road will be opened for the passage of trains before morning.

No new snow has fallen today, and that gives further encouragement. The overland train, which left San Francisco Thursday evening, is lying at Dunsuir now. The southbound passenger, which left Portland Thursday evening and left Ashland yesterday at noon, is at Edgewood, blocked. The southbound passenger train that left Portland last evening arrived here nearly on time this morning, and was here until about 3 o'clock this afternoon, when it started south and crossed over the Siskiyou without difficulty. It is now lying at Hornbrook. Reports from Sisson and Dunsuir country indicate that the storm has been as severe as any ever experienced there, and the snowfall greater than ever before known. Travel by snow-shoes is the only way to travel. Further south in the vicinity of Delta, the storm has been mostly rain. Some rock and earth slides were reported last night from that region, but it is thought there will be no serious trouble there. On this side of the Siskiyou mountains there has been no snowfall to speak of, and there is none lying on the lower grounds. The railroad has made no effort to run freight trains during the past day or two.

#### The Income Tax Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The first case to test the constitutionality of the income tax law has been brought in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. The petitioner is John G. Moore, of the firm of Moore & Schley, of New York. The complainant is a prominent director of the Manhattan Railway Company, Western Union Telegraph Company, etc., and proposes to fight the case through the supreme court of the United States. His attorneys are ex-Senator George F. Edmunds, and Shellabarger & Wilson. The petitioners for an injunction to restrain the commissioner of internal revenue from collecting the tax. It sets out that the complainant is a shareholder in various corporations which pay dividends to said complainant; that independent of and in addition to said dividends, the complainant has an income, derived from the gains and profits of his business and embraced within sections 27 and 28 of the new tariff law, largely in excess of the sum of \$4,000 per annum, and upon which income the commissioner of internal revenue has threatened to, and unless restrained by this honorable court, will proceed to assess the sum of 2 per cent. on the amount in excess of \$4,000 per annum. The bill then reviews the sections of the new tariff law bearing on the income tax, in which it is alleged are many defects, and charges that the act is invalid and its provisions inoperative and void.

#### The Government's Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Subtreasury officials say an effort is being made in New York to juggle the government's gold. Exporters are very anxious to get hold of full weight coins and gold bars and bricks with the government's stamp of fineness on them. Uncle Sam has \$46,000,000 worth of these, but in order to cut down exports, some time ago the department made it a rule to redeem treasury notes only in gold coin. The light-weight coins complained of are all within the legal limit, one-half of 1 per cent, but the shippers have felt the loss and have sorted the coins, keeping the light-weight ones at home. The banks objected to taking them, and one foreign house took a lot to the subtreasury and asked that they be redeemed in paper. This the treasury officials declined to do, saying the redeeming of paper promises to pay did not carry with it the reverse duty of redeeming gold in paper. The only thing left to do was to deposit the gold in the bank, whence it would work its way back to the subtreasury. The assay office has received a novel proposition from an exporting house. It wanted to deposit American gold coin and have it melted into stamped bars. The proposition was declined, though if the coin was light or mutilated it could be redeemed.

#### In Holland.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—Heavy floods have been caused by the storm in Holland. The River Maas and the Rotte rose twelve feet, inundating parts of Rotterdam. Boats were used in the streets, and in the market places. Many of the dykes threatened to give way under the heavy pounding of the sea. In several places the water succeeded in breaking through in the vicinity of the breaks, and the country is flooded. Nine houses collapsed. At Utrecht several persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. Telegraph and telephone wires were everywhere broken. The bark Caroline, from Savannah for Hamburg, went ashore near Egmondsee and became a total wreck. Her cargo is being washed upon the beach. Part of her crew were drowned.

#### Mexican Cattle Barred Out of Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 25.—In view of the fact that the live stock sanitary commission of this state has been reliably informed that a malignant disease known as spenic or southern fever, exists among the cattle in a large part of the republic of Mexico, and as there are no sanitary regulations in that country to prevent the spread of the disease, Governor Hogg yesterday issued a proclamation declaring a quarantine against all such cattle.

#### Given a Certificate of Election.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Following the denial by the supreme court of the writ of mandamus in the Jamieson case, Secretary of State Leisure today filed a certificate of election of James H. Bremmner (dem.) as prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. This case was the most prominent among the several contests arising out of the recent Kansas City election.

#### The Republicans Will Contest.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 22.—J. W. Southard, defeated republican candidate for congress in this district, has served notice of contest upon Colonel Taxwell Elliott, his successful democrat opponent. Colonel Elliott's majority was some 8,000.

#### Now on Commander Lawler's Staff.

DENVER, Dec. 22.—Charles Burpee, of this city, has been notified by C. C. Jones, adjutant-general of the Grand Army, of his appointment on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Lawler as aide-de-camp.

#### More Indictments in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Before the grand jury adjourned today, 11 more indictments were returned against persons who are charged with interfering with citizens election day at the polls, and violating the law in other ways in the interest of the democratic party.

#### A Cut to the Bone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The price of hams has been reduced a cent a pound. The market slumped in response to a telegram from Armour to cut to the bone. This is pleasant for consumers, but it reduces the profit of the dealer to a minimum.

#### The Columbus Exhibits Returned.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The vatican exhibits to the Columbian Exposition arrived here today, and were taken to the vatican. The officers accompanying the exhibits were given a brilliant reception.

#### To Investigate the Anti-Toxine.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies today voted an expenditure of 8000 francs for the purpose of promoting investigations into the manufacture of anti-toxine, the new remedy for diphtheria.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

### The National Capital Practically Deserted.

#### EVEN SIGHTSEERS VERY SCARCE

The Charm of Festivities of Christmas at Home the Magnet for the Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The capitol was practically deserted today. Only a few rambling sightseers, the capitol police, and now and then a stray senator or representative woke the echoes of its spacious corridors. The charm of the festivities of Christmas at home was the magnet that had drawn every one who could leave from the congressional gristmill. Only the members and the senators from the far West, and those whose families are in Washington remained here. Several of them were at their desks for a short time today, examining their mail, but they had put their congressional labors behind them and matters congressional were in a state of suspended animation. Speaker Crisp was in his room in the rear of the hall of representatives about noon, dictating answers to letters, but he was almost the only member in the vicinity of the capitol today. Mrs. Crisp and her son and daughter are here to eat their Christmas turkey with the speaker. He will remain here throughout the holidays. No committee work will be done at either end of the capitol during the recess. Senator Blackburn says the committee on rules, of which he is chairman, will not take up the question of a closure rule or any other subject until January 1st. The Kentucky senator left the city today to remain until congress convenes. Some work will probably be done on the appropriation bills yet unreported by Chairman Sayres and some of the members of the subcommittee, but their work will be subject to ultimate revision when the full committee meets.

#### Newfoundland Finances.

ST. JOHN'S N. F., Dec. 24.—The financial complications here received a new development today from the announcement in a telegram, published in a government organ, to the effect that a bill to guarantee the Union bank's paper currency would be introduced in the legislature soon. The schemes put forward for solving the financial difficulties multiply daily, the latest of which is the establishment of a new bank, the present concerns going into liquidation, and their paper being taken over by the new bank at its valuation. Considerable opposition has already developed toward the proposition for the government to extend aid to any banking institution, whether solvent or insolvent, and what the result of this opposition will be remains to be determined. The Union bank still stands high in the general estimation of the public and its notes are being taken in trade everywhere, but the agitation for the prosecution of the directors and the manager of the suspended Commercial bank shows no signs of cessation. It is impossible now to send postoffice orders either to Europe or to America, as the postal department here has no means of transmitting money.

#### Refused to Pay the Tax.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 24.—There was considerable excitement today over the sale of the delinquent tax property, the result of the refusals on the part of property-owners to pay the special water tax recently held to be valid by Judge Ham, of Napa, Marshal Steadman gave them all until 11 o'clock to pay taxes and then proceeded with the sale. Many paid up, but about \$300,000 worth of property was sold. Among the property sold were the Santa Rosa water works, the depot, tracks and yards of the San Francisco & North Pacific railway and many fine residences in the heart of the city. J. H. Brush, president of the Santa Rosa National bank, bought the water works the railroad depot and much other property. Other prominent purchasers were B. M. Spencer, W. G. Oldham and Max Heymann, C. M. Fittz, C. Kelsey and A. M. Haines, of San Francisco. It is expected there

will be interesting litigation growing out of the sale of this property by the marshal.

#### Told His Secret While Drunk.

ERIE, Dec. 24.—The ringleaders in the gang of masked burglars, who, a week ago, beat and bound, and under fearful torture secured the \$10,000 which David and Sara Slocum had laid up for a rainy day, have been captured. They are Frank Anderson, a farmer living within two miles of the scene of the robbery; Ralph Vansaler and Jeremiah Casey. Anderson and Vansaler were captured together at the house of the former. Casey was captured in the eastern part of the state. Casey's fondness for his cups loosened his tongue and he gave the clue which resulted in the capture of the gang.

#### The Indian Territory Outlaws.

CLAREMORE, I. T., Dec. 24.—The French band of outlaws, headed by Jim French and Cherokee Bill, made a raid Saturday on the town of Nowata, about 25 miles north of here on the Kansas & Arkansas Valley railroad. Station agent Bristol was covered with four guns and marched through the waiting-room and compelled to open the safe, from which they took \$190. They did not molest those in the waiting-room. After taking the contents of the safe, they marched the agent outside, mounted and rode away, going east. It was feared they would rob the passenger train, which was due but it pulled out safely.

#### Reports Slow Coming In.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Telegraph lines in the northern part of Great Britain are still down, and the full amount of damage by the storm is not known. It is estimated, however, 50 to 100 persons have lost their lives during the day. The weather chart today shows a new disturbance coming from the Atlantic. At Girvan, Scotland, a show caravan was caught in the gale and capsized. One of the covered vans caught fire and four persons were burned to death. At Flintwood, Lancashire, two fishing boats were sunk and all hands lost.

#### The Jail-Breaking Judge Fined.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—County Judge McNeil, who was indicted and convicted for breaking in the jail door in the absence of the sheriff, to obtain possession of the person of an insane man, to have him taken to the asylum, and who asked for 10 days in which to file a motion for a new trial, did not file the intended motion, but appeared before the court today for sentence and the judge fined him \$15 and costs. This ends the unfortunate matter.

#### The Glory of the Seas Now In.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 24.—Another one of the overdue vessels, the ship Glory of the Seas, from San Francisco, for Comox, arrived today, after an uneventful passage of 20 days. Moderately fair weather was experienced. No other craft were sighted during the voyage. The tug Traveler passed up today, from Gray's harbor, with a disabled four-masted schooner in tow.

#### A Polish Colony Coming.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Rev. Father Klawit, pastor of the Polish church here, is president of the Rappersville Colony Company, which has purchased and bonded a tract of government land in Whatcom county, Washington, on the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad, to which 80 Polish families will move January 1. Large numbers are expected to follow next year.

#### No Requisition For Standard Oil Men.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—It can be definitely stated that the governor will not, under any circumstances, grant the requisition asked for the governor of Texas for the officials of the Standard Oil trust. Judge Joyce, who attends to all requisition matters for the governor, said tonight: "Governor Flower will not change his first opinion in the matter. If the indicted men had ever been in the state of Texas or committed the crime there, it would be a different matter."

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