

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Rural Credits and Trust Bills Measures Likely to Be Given Preference Over Others.

Washington.—Trust legislation and a new law to enhance rural credits before adjournment of congress are the only measures on the "must" list of the administration for the present session of congress. It was made known recently. This excepts the necessary appropriation bills, which are now rapidly being disposed of.

A bill to repeal the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal act probably will be introduced within 10 days by Representative Adams, chairman of the interstate commerce committee. It will offer no compromise whatever in the situation and is certain to provoke opposition both in the house and senate.

The immigration bill, which has passed the house and is to be reported from the senate committee this week, also will be urged to a conclusion.

The trust bills, it is now apparent will require considerable more time in perfecting than originally anticipated. March 1 was set a month ago as the time for beginning consideration of the proposed administration bills, but not one of the bills proposed is ready for consideration in either branch.

Congress Give Up June Adjournment

Representative Underwood, democratic leader of the house, admitted that plans to adjourn congress in June had "gone glimmering." He would not make a new prediction regarding adjournment, stating that the speeding up process would continue.

Congestion and delay in considering appropriation bills, and not the "ad ministrative program," are responsible for the inability of congress to adjourn in June, Underwood stated. He expressed confidence that the anti-trust and rural candidate legislation would not interfere with an early adjournment, but that routine business would extend the session longer than anticipated.

May Ignore Protest of Italy.

Members of the senate immigration committee are inclined to ignore in times that the Italian government will not sign a new arbitration treaty with the United States unless assured that the section of the pending immigration bill providing for the United States health inspectors on immigrant ships, shall not apply to Italian steamers and that the proposed literacy test shall not interfere with Italian immigration.

Senators are inclined to attribute Italian opposition to the influence of steamship companies. Committee members believe that even if they were disposed to favor Italy, there is no way to frame a provision for a literacy test so as to make an exception of any country.

Bills Provide for Leasing of Land.

Administration bills to regulate development of the vast resources of government-owned lands in the west will be introduced in the senate and house by Senator Myers, of Montana and Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, chairman of the congressional public lands committee.

These measures, drafted after extended conferences between the two chairmen and Secretary Lane, of the interior department, are designed to make available for immediate development resources in coal, oil, phosphate and potash deposits.

The bills would provide for the leasing of public lands under restrictions to guard against monopoly and to insure development. Resulting royalties would go in the first place to the reclamation fund to be used for development of irrigation projects in the arid and semi-arid states.

National Capital Brevities.

Representative L'Engle, in a house bill, proposes the construction of a \$15,000,000 aeroplane fleet for the protection of cities from bombardment by a hostile aerial army.

The millers of the west won a victory when the supreme court of the United States held that bleached flour was not injurious to health unless it could be proved that it contained injurious ingredients.

The administration's plans for two battleships were approved by the house naval committee. It is proposed to build submarines for the defense of the Pacific coast and to construct and maintain them on this coast.

The supreme court holds that land is land, even if the government surveyors did report it as water. The Washington courts had held that the litigation had no title because the land did not exist.

The fact that the house committee on rivers and harbors agreed to an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river makes it practically certain that an appropriation of at least that amount will be carried by the river and harbor bill when it becomes a law.

CHARLES W. MURPHY



Charles W. Murphy, former owner of the Chicago National League team, over whom a bitter fight was waged because of his dismissal of Johnny Evers.

Brief News of the Week

The Ohio female labor law was declared constitutional by the federal supreme court.

The interstate commerce commission denied the application of railroads for permission to increase freight rates on flour from Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma to California from 62 cents to 75 cents.

The United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco upheld the act of March 4, 1907, prohibiting the railroads from keeping their employees on duty more than 16 hours.

The sum of \$25,875,000 was realized from the viticulture products of California last year, \$15,000,000 being obtained from wine and \$7,000,000 from table grapes.

The question of whether or not an auto is a common carrier in interstate trade, when not operating over a regular line, was raised in a white slave case at San Francisco.

Germany and France will submit to each other lists of persons who have been convicted of violating the automobile laws in the respective countries.

Requesting that all attempts to extradite Harry Thaw be dropped in order to save the state unnecessary expense, Assemblyman Golden of New York has introduced a resolution in the state legislature.

A special assistant has been named by the district attorney of New York, to prosecute loan sharks and protect persons who get into their clutches. Usurers will be sent to jail instead of fined, if possible.

A dray horse led federal sleuths to the seizure of a large quantity of colored oleomargarine and the arrest of a produce dealer at St. Louis. The dealer's animal, allowed free rein, pulled the wagon two miles and backed it up in front of the suspected man's place of business.

People in the News

The Earl of Minto, ex-governor-general of Canada, and ex-viceroy of India, is dead.

Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, was the center of attraction at an entertainment and dance at the Commonwealth reception in New York.

Governor Dunne of Illinois on his return to Chicago from Washington, declared that he will not be a candidate for the United States senate at the next election.

Carl R. Gray, president of the Great Northern, is reported to have resigned, and will soon be president and chairman of the board of Western Maryland Railway company, with headquarters in Baltimore.

Sex hygiene will not be taught in the public schools of San Francisco, says Superintendent Ronconviert, who claims the subject should be handled by the parents, the church or the family physician.

Former New York Police Lieutenant Becker, who has been granted a new trial in the Rosenthal murder case, is back in the Tomb, and he predicts that he will soon be given his freedom. When released he says he will leave New York.

Jack London says he is willing to accept the nomination for president of the United States on the prohibition ticket, and he would also accept the secretaryship of the national socialist party.

Miss Carrie Wells Niles, a telephone operator at Corning, Cal., receiving no answer to calls at the Wells-Fargo station, notified the police. The officers found that the night clerk had been murdered. David Dunn, aged 19, was arrested on suspicion.

Matthew J. Melatyre, who made nearly \$1,000,000 raising hogs, left the bulk of his estate to St. Patrick's church in Long Island, signing the document with his mark, as he had never learned to write. The will was admitted to probate over the contest of nine nephews and nieces, in the trial at New York.

DEMAND OF BRYAN REFUSED BY MEXICAN

General Carranza Declares the Benton Case a British Question.

Nogales, Sonora.—General Carranza declined to furnish information to the state department at Washington regarding the killing at Juarez of the British subject, William S. Benton. At the same time he gave assurances to Secretary Bryan that he would investigate the disappearance near Juarez of Gustav Bauch, an American citizen.

This strongly defined stand came after three days of negotiation between the American secretary of state and constitutionalist commander-in-chief, through Frederick Simplic, American consul at Nogales, and Ysidro Pabala, acting secretary of foreign relations in Carranza's provisional cabinet.

The stand was taken by the revolutionary leader that the death of Benton, a Briton, should be taken up through the diplomatic channels of his country.

In the written message to Secretary Bryan which was addressed to Counsel Simplic, Carranza did not say that any investigation of the Benton case was being made on his part. However, simultaneously with the two notes to Washington, Secretary Pabala issued an official announcement saying that the Benton case was being investigated for the satisfaction of the constitutionalist party.

El Paso, Tex.—The trip of the Benton investigation commission to Chihuahua was suddenly postponed shortly before the commissioners were about to take the train. Those concerned said that any explanation must come from the state department.

The commissioners, with their luggage, were at the train in Juarez when they were notified not to go.

Refugees who are deeply interested in the situation were at a loss to account for the new turn in affairs. Several refugees said that they thought that "Carranza's attempt to use the Benton negotiations as a lever to obtain recognition of the rebel government."

NEW YORKERS PAY MUCH

Income Tax Returns Reveal That New York's Are Largest.

New York—Amazing figures testifying to the stupendous wealth of New York millionaires are contained in the income tax reports that are made to the collector of internal revenue in this city.

Norwithstanding the strict injunction to secrecy imposed by the commissioner of internal revenue, it was learned that 29 residents of New York city will pay approximately \$2,250,000 in taxes. This is about 8 per cent of the total of \$115,000,000 which the government expected would be raised from the personal income tax. It is estimated that New York city's contribution to the government will be between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

GERMAN SAYS THAT DEWEY WAS READY

Berlin.—In a statement of 11,000 words, Admiral von Diederichs replied to Admiral Dewey's version of the international incidents in Manila bay in 1898. He says Admiral Dewey threatened the Germans with war if they did not cease interfering with blockade regulations.

Admiral Dewey is declared to have been laboring under great tension. British interests are accused of fanning the flame. Admiral Diederichs concludes with the startling statement:

"It was even related that Admiral Dewey had already worked out a plan for the destruction of the German ships."

The German admiral says that when Flag Lieutenant von Bintze visited Admiral Dewey, this happened:

"Admiral Dewey gradually talked himself into a passion. He said, 'Why, I shall stop every vessel, whatever may be her colors. And if she does not stop, I shall fire at her. And that means war, do you know, sir?'"

Admiral von Diederichs makes the comment that Admiral Dewey must have known a declaration of war did not depend on either admiral. He attributes Admiral Dewey's conduct to nervousness arising from the weight of responsibility resting on him.

Hard Swim Fatal to Arthur Cavill.

Seattle.—Arthur Cavill, the Australian swimmer who was the first man to swim the Golden Gate at San Francisco, and who was recognized as the champion swimmer of the world from 1895 to 1906, died of exhaustion here soon after he had been taken from the water after an unsuccessful attempt to swim across the Seattle harbor, a distance of three miles.

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Notice is hereby given that Manford D. Nye of Roberts, Oregon, who, on March 21st, 1910, made Desert Land Entry No. 06272, for met sec section 7, township 18 south, range 18 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Desert Land Proof to establish claim to the land above described before Timothy E. J. Duffy, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 6th day of March, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Austin Kiser, Owen Fisher, Carl Fisher, Clarence Ferguson, all of Roberts, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

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