

"DOWN BRAKES" IS PLEA OF MESSAGE

President Insists Upon Strict Economy.

ESTIMATES ARE CURTAILED

Necessity for Obviating Delays in Litigation Seen.

SHIP SUBSIDY INDORSED

Platform Pledge for Postal Savings Banks Renewed and Prompt Action Urged—Era of Good Times Is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Features of the message of President Taft, the reading of which consumed an hour and a half in each of the houses of Congress today, were its insistent demand for economy in the public expenditures, the declaration of changing attitude toward the Monroe Doctrine, the assurance that no tariff war is even in prospect, the request for the appointment of a commission to provide against vexatious delays in litigation and the passage of a law against the granting of injunctions without notice, the abandonment for the present of plans for the enlargement of the Navy and for recruiting the Army to its full strength, the declaration that Alaska should be governed by a commission and not a Legislature, and a request that Congress pass laws making the "white slave trade" between states punishable by heavy penalties, under the power of Congress to regulate interstate affairs.

Several subjects that were expected to add interest to the message are reserved for future communications. Among these are the question of anti-trust and interstate commerce laws, the situation in Nicaragua and the conservation of the country's natural resources, with its correlated topics of the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands, the preservation of the forests and the improvement of waterways.

Ship Subsidy Indorsed.

President Taft indorses the principle of ship subsidy, but does not dwell at length upon the subject. He indorses the party platform declaration in favor of postal savings banks, which, he says, are not in any sense designed as competitors of private banks. He urges Congress, in passing the law for the separate statehood of New Mexico and Arizona that is demanded by the party platform, to guard against permitting the adoption of the constitution of these states and the election of their officials at the same election. The adoption of a constitution he deems to be too important to be thrown into the broil of a campaign to fill offices.

Curtailling of expenditures the President takes under more than one heading. Perhaps the most important reference is in connection with his views as to the reorganization of the public service generally. He finds that the work in the departments is not done upon the same plane as that of private corporations, that there is inefficiency in the ranks and that the schedule of salaries is not based upon the amount of time and of effort and brains that the employee is required to put into his work.

Chance for Economics Seen.

He believes that a thorough overhauling of the service will reveal the possibility of large economies. Salaries, he thinks, cannot be reduced; rather there will be a necessity for increasing them if any change is made.

He has directed the naval programme to be reduced so that only two battleships and a supply vessel are asked for and a saving of \$38,000,000 is made as compared with last year's estimates for the Navy Department, and he has cut the Army estimates by \$45,000,000, partly by adopting the policy of not recruiting the establishment to its full authorized strength this year. He points out that it is not permanent economy merely to omit the accomplishment of things that must be done eventually, and asks consideration of the necessity for such broad plans of retrenchment as will endure.

There is some discussion here in Washington of the concluding paragraphs of the message, in which the President finds that times are good, predicts a widespread revival of industry and argues that the general advance of prices cannot by any argument be attributed to the operation of the tariff law.

Having received the message, Congress found itself literally "out of work," and both Houses adjourned until Friday, when, if some of the various committees fail to provide something to do, adjournment will be taken until Monday. When the reading was finished the House immediately adjourned, but the Senate went into executive session.

Republicans Are Satisfied.

Little fault was found with the message by Republicans, who seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the President could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledges. The Democrats approved the President's effort to economize, but they deprecated his suggestion that the Monroe Doctrine had become practically obsolete.

The message is written in the President's (Concluded on Page 4.)

EACH DAY SEES 40 SALOONS CLOSED

LIQUOR TRAFFIC OPPONENTS BOAST OF RECORD.

Superintendent Baker Reports 11,000 Shops Voted Out and 4000 More Shut Up in 1909.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—"Eleven thousand saloons voted out of existence and 4000 more forced to close in 1909." This is the record of the things accomplished by the anti-Saloon League of America, according to Dr. V. A. Baker, general superintendent of the league, in his biennial address before the semi-annual convention in season at Orchestra Hall tonight.

"Since January 1, 1909," he said, "saloons have been closed at the rate of 40 a day. But that 70 per cent of the area of the United States forbids licensed liquor traffic tells only a part of the visible results. No power of evil on earth is lost without this continuing onslaught. The gates of hell cannot prevail against it."

"There is no class that suffers so much from the drink traffic as do those who perform manual labor, and there is no class so much exploited by the saloon and brewery element as they. The great labor movement is yet to become a great spiritual and religious movement."

I. W. W. WOULD BREAK JAIL

Spokane Police Foll Attempt of 50 Street Speakers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—But for the vigilance of the Spokane police, the Franklin school jail would have been empty tonight.

Fifty disgruntled, bewhiskered I. W. W.'s had deliberately planned to break this evening after the night shift went to work. They had removed the brick partitions in the airshaft leading from the second floor to the basement, had armed themselves with a piece of steel unloosed from the airshaft, had piled up tiers of bricks behind radiators in the east room and needed only to kick out a wooden gate in the basement to gain their freedom.

Not only was the brick partition in the shaft on the second floor removed but the one on the first floor was likewise missing when Officer Willis investigated, and foiled the attempt at freedom.

MRS. GUGGENHEIM LOSES

Illinois Court Denies Petition to Annul Divorce Decree.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Judge Honore here today directed that a tentative decree be prepared denying the petition to annul the decree of divorce granted in 1901 to Mrs. Grace B. Guggenheim against William Guggenheim, of the smelting firm of Guggenheim Bros.

Counsel for Mrs. Guggenheim, who asserts her divorce was improperly procured in the Illinois Court because she was not then a resident of Illinois, asked and obtained leave to file additional briefs showing that the court could annul the decree.

Judge Honore announced that a formal order in the case would be entered December 14.

KING'S CONDITION GRAVE

Operation Necessary to Check Alfonso's Tubercular Affection.

MADRID, Dec. 7.—King Alfonso's physician is causing extreme anxiety at court. The King is suffering from a tubercular affection of the inner ear. Dr. Maurice of Bordeaux, has performed three slight operations to check this disease. Now a serious operation has become necessary, and the Queen is much concerned about the result, in view of the King's weakened constitution.

His tubercular condition undoubtedly was inherited. His father, Alfonso XII, died of tuberculosis, with complications which are also present in the case of Alfonso XIII. The Official Gazette announces that the Queen expects an accouchement in April.

BLOOD TRAILED TO DEAD

Idaho Children Make Growsome Discovery While at Play.

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—Tracing a little trail of blood over the fresh snow, children wandering in the suburbs of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, came to a pile of logs and brush. Hidden under it was the body of a man whose head had been crushed by a big yellow pine club which was found lying near the place where the trail of blood began.

No money was in the pockets and robbery is supposed to have been the motive of the crime. The dead man is believed to be John H. Billings. A letter was found in his pocket from Mrs. Emma Weyer, of Kingman, Kan., who is thought to be his daughter.

AWAKE, BUT FEEL NO PAIN

Patients Are Conscious While Operations Are Performed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Before an audience of distinguished surgeons, Professor Thomas Jonnesco, the Roumanian scientist, demonstrated today that painless operations could be performed on patients while they remained conscious. Professor Jonnesco hypodermically injected stovaine into the spine, at the same time administering strychnine to strengthen the heart.

Three children and a woman were operated on by local surgeons after Dr. Jonnesco had applied the stovaine. Professor Jonnesco intends to go West and demonstrate his discovery there.

ELECTION CALLED TO AMEND CHARTER

Water Provision Vote Set for February 15

FUND PROVIDED FOR MAINS

Payments Made by Abutting Owners to Be Returned.

MAYOR PRESSES PASSAGE

Refusal of Contractors to Bid Under Present Law Is Serious Obstacle to Extension of Pavements Planned.

The City Council this morning will fix Tuesday, February 15, 1910, as the date for the special election, at which the people will vote upon a proposed amendment to the charter, changing the system of laying and paying for water mains, and creating a water fund and bond-interest sinking fund. Mayor Simon indorses the amendment and earnestly hopes it will be passed. It will give the Water Board power to lay mains by its own men, if it becomes necessary in order to install pipes ahead of hard-surface pavements.

Mayor Simon has been working for a long time upon the proposed amendment, which was passed upon yesterday by City Attorney Kavanaugh, and which meets with the hearty approval of Councilman Baker, chairman of the special committee of the Council, appointed to assist in arranging for the special election.

Previous Payments Refunded.

One of the chief features of the proposed amendment is the provision that "all water mains, including laterals, distributing mains and mains for reinforcement, shall be paid for out of the water fund, and not otherwise." The amendment provides also that there shall be refunded, out of the water fund, the payments made or to be made by all persons for laying water mains in accordance with the amendment adopted in June, 1907. No main shall be laid unless the board believes that within a reasonable time the revenues of the district shall produce 6 per cent a year upon their cost.

The creation of the water fund, which includes all money received from consumers of water or from bonds, will enable the Water Board to order instantly any number of mains that the members may deem advisable. The employees of the department may, if the board deems advisable, be paid out of the fund.

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WOMAN DIES, LIVES, THEN DIES AGAIN

HEARSE DISMISSED WHEN SHE MOVES AND BREATHEES.

Amateur Hypnotist Asserts He Has Revived Her Through Effort of His Will.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. Charlotte Willner, who died Sunday in a dentist's chair, was at last placed in a hearse and taken to the cemetery at 7 o'clock this evening. At 3 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. Willner was pronounced alive on the morgue slab of Jacob Rodichuk by Isaac Deverman, undertaker's assistant and amateur hypnotist, who said he had brought her back to life by massaging her heart and by directing his will.

He proved to assembled friends of Mrs. Willner the reappearance of life by placing a mirror before the lips of the prostrate woman. Upon the glass vapor formed. Physicians were straightway summoned to the undertaking establishment, and after strenuous efforts for the woman's resuscitation, her lips were seen to move and mutter unintelligibly. About 6 o'clock assembled physicians announced that rigor mortis was setting in and that the woman was dead.

The woman was pronounced dead by the coroner this morning. This afternoon at the time for the funeral the hearse and 30 carriages were dismissed suddenly from the door of the undertaking establishment by the excited order of Mrs. Willner's friends, who had been summoned to see the signs of life.

Eight physicians connected with the case would give little light on the case tonight. They agree that Mrs. Willner is now dead from apoplexy.

PAN-AMERICAN BANK, PLAN

Congress Will Be Asked to Grant National Charter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress will be asked to grant a National charter to the proposed Pan-American Bank, which New York capitalists propose to establish with headquarters in New York and branches throughout Central and South America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Morgan-Rockefeller interests will control the Pan-American Bank, which will have its first branch at Buenos Ayres, according to the World this morning.

It is recalled that the Pan-American Bank plan is the final outgrowth of the project of Secretary Blaine, as outlined to President Harrison in 1890.

GOOD GOVERNMENT WINS

Los Angeles Re-elects Alexander Mayor Over Republican.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Unofficial returns of the municipal election held today indicate tonight that George Alexander, the present Mayor, has been re-elected by a majority of 4500 over George Smith, Republican candidate, and that, together with Alexander, the entire ticket supported by the Good Government League has been elected, in some instances by majorities exceeding that of Alexander.

The vote was about 35,000.

HAY WORRIED IN GIVING EVIDENCE

Governor Makes Misstatements on Stand.

DEFENSE MUCH ENJOYS BAITING

Lively Incidents in Trial of Ortis Hamilton.

HAMILTON LIKES WOMAN

Declares Hazel Moore "Respectable Woman" and if Her Name Is Kept Out He Will Tell About Money Stolen by Him.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—"Baiting" Governor M. E. Hay was the feature of today's proceedings in the trial of ex-Adjutant-General Ortis Hamilton for embezzlement here today.

Efforts to connect ex-Governors Mead, McBride and President J. E. Chilberg of the A-Y-P Exposition were lively incidents. Contrary to expectations the state did not complete its case today, but hopes to close with its last witness by tomorrow morning.

Governor's Plans Broken.

The main feature of the day was the cross-examination of the Governor, which lasted all morning and late into the afternoon, or late enough to break up the Governor's plans to leave on the noon train for Wilbur.

For many years the Governor has spent his birthday, December 9, with Mr. Parish, of that city, who has the same natal anniversary. He left tonight and if he makes close connections may still be there in time. His overpowering desire to keep this annual date may have helped out the defense, for in his anxiety to get through the Governor testified hastily at times and the defense took delight in forcing him later on cross-examination to admit these misstatements.

He swore, for instance, that he had employed no Pinkertons to shadow Hamilton, yet testified later that he had telephoned from his office when Hamilton was there to call off these detectives from the trail of Hazel Moore. The Governor explained that this latter telephone message was only a bluff to deceive Hamilton.

The Governor swore that he had suspected Hamilton was crooked weeks before the shortage actually developed, and to meet this the defense offered to prove that, knowing this fact, the Governor later had signed an appropriation bill for more than \$60,000 deficiency in Hamilton's (Concluded on Page 4.)

LEOPOLD GRAVELY ILL, SAYS REPORT

SUFFERS FROM PARALYSIS, IS RUMOR IN BRUSSELS.

Money-Making Monarch's Physicians Admit Only That He Is Victim of Rheumatism.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7.—Conflicting reports regarding the condition of King Leopold, who is ill, were in circulation today. One report had it that the King was suffering from paralysis which affected his right arm and was extending, while another was that he was unable to walk. An official statement admitted that the King was suffering from rheumatism, but said he was improving.

The general impression is that the King's condition is serious.

King Leopold, in his own private right, is the richest ruler of Europe. The wealth that he has accumulated by enterprises undertaken on his own account can only be guessed, but it is known to be very great. The exploitation of great interests in the Congo was his own idea, and his income from that source has been at least a vindication of his business acumen.

H. CLAY PIERCE IS FREE

Acquittal Follows Judge's Instruction That He Is Immune.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of H. Clay Pierce, charged with perjury on the witness stand in Missouri for \$70,000, and 50 cars of the Union Tank Line Company for \$40,000. The property was sold as a result of anti-trust suits instituted some time ago by the State of Texas.

Judge Calhoun, in a special charge to the jury, sustained the contention of Mr. Pierce's lawyers that he was immune from trial under the laws of Texas, as the counsel for the state sought to use testimony given by Pierce on the witness stand in Missouri with the intention, if possible, of obtaining his conviction.

At public auction late today the property of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was sold for \$1,421,741, that of the Security Oil Company for \$35,000 and that of the Navarro Refining Company of Corsicana for \$70,000 and 50 cars of the Union Tank Line Company for \$40,000. The property was sold as a result of anti-trust suits instituted some time ago by the State of Texas.

BUREAU CHIEFS UNAGGAGED

Secretary of War Now Permits Talks With Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Secretary Dickinson today loosened the gag which President Taft put on the mouths of chiefs of bureaus last week by issuing an interpretation of the Presidential order that permits the chiefs to talk to Congressmen should they drop around the office.

For instance, Secretary Dickinson informed bureau chiefs in his department that they could respond directly to any request from Representatives or Senators for any information on all ordinary and routine matters pertaining exclusively to their respective offices.

Information, however, bearing on questions of policy or of importance or on unusual matters should not be given out until after consultation with the head of the department.

GOVERNOR STOPS INQUIRY

Haskell, of Oklahoma, Takes Power From Attorney-General.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 7.—By summarily cancelling the authority of Attorney-General Wain to represent the state before the Oklahoma grand jury, Governor Haskell today brought to a sudden termination the investigation the Attorney-General was making into the failure of the Columbia Bank & Trust Company of Oklahoma City.

The reason assigned by Governor Haskell for his action was that it was not to the best interests of the state to investigate the bank's affairs at this time. He declared that when the State Banking Board concluded its accounting all records of the institution would be turned over to the grand jury should the District Court so demand.

SUICIDE TRIES 3 METHODS

On Third Trial, New York Salesman Succeeds in Taking Life.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Charles Schaffer, a salesman out of employment, tried three methods of suicide today before he succeeded in killing himself.

First, he lay on his cot at his home and attempted to garrote himself with a towel. Unsuccessful, he slit his throat and wrists with a razor.

Still death did not come, and Schaffer staggered to the bathroom and turned on the water in the tub. When the tub was half filled he climbed in and lay face downward until he drowned.

SCHOOL BOYS, THIEF GANG

Accidental Shooting Reveals Small Arsenal in Schoolroom.

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Dec. 7.—The accidental shooting of a boy in school led to the discovery of a small arsenal of revolvers in the pockets of many of his classmates some of whom have confessed membership in a gang of young burglars whose specialty was the stealing of weapons from hardware stores.

Their loot, they said was sold from 50 cents up, according to the caliber of the weapons.

COLD TAKES TOLL IN CHICAGO TOWN

Scores, Thinly Clad Seek for Shelter.

MERCURY IS CLOSE TO ZERO

Winds, Bitter Cold, Sweep Suddenly From Northwest.

CITY GETS NO WARNING

Four Deaths Are Caused by Blizzard in Few Hours, One Dying of Exposure, and Trains Running Down Throes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Old Winter blustered into Chicago today on the wings of an icy northwest wind and a blizzard of snow, bringing death, injury and widespread woe.

The city puffed and shivered and stamped its feet. A myriad of white flakes danced in the air and wove themselves into a soft, drifting mantle over the streets and houses and buildings until nearly half a foot of snowfall had been recorded. The overland trains were from two to 15 hours late.

Death Reaps Harvest.

Some people were glad to hail Old Winter. To these he gave ruddy cheeks and bright eyes. Others, dwelling where smoke rose from rickety chimneys, or where there was no smoke at all, gave him bitter welcome. And here and there, where he laid his frozen hand, death came "from cold and exposure," said the police.

And the police ought to know, for at the stations all over the city groups of ragged men and children and thinly-clad women presented themselves, begging shelter from the coldest day of the season.

Mercury Close to Zero.

Mercury thermometers fell into a decline which, it was said at the Weather Bureau, would not be effectively arrested until a mark 6 degrees or thereabouts above zero was reached.

Four deaths were caused by the blizzard in a few hours. One man died of cold and exposure, while three were killed by the trains which they were unable to see in the blinding snow.

It was the first big storm of the winter, and, coming almost entirely without warning, at the end of a long period of mild weather, it caught the city unprepared.

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