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## TAFT WAITS UPON RAILROAD CHIEFS

Interstate Commerce Law Changes on Tapis.

## PRESIDENT DELAYS MESSAGE

Anxious to Have All Interests State Position.

## J. P. MORGAN ASKS HEARING

New York Financier Requests Taft to Hear Opinions of Big Railway Powers—Congress Reconvenes on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Six of the great powers in the American railway world will be in Washington tomorrow to define to President Taft the attitude of the railroads toward proposed amendments to the Interstate Commerce law. The President has delayed his message pending this hearing, as he is said to be desirous of giving all interests an opportunity to state their position. The special message dealing with the interstate commerce and anti-trust law will be ready for Congress Wednesday noon. President Taft last week received a request for a hearing by the railroad presidents and readily granted it. He has already given a hearing to the Shippers' Association and to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

**Big Men in Conference.**  
The conference will be held at the White House tomorrow morning, and will be attended by President Taft, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania; President Lovett, of the Union Pacific and allied Harriman lines; President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading; President Piny, of the Southern; and President Brown, of the New York Central. Attorney-General Wickensham will be present.

J. P. Morgan's flying visit to the White House last Friday morning is said to have been in connection with the request of the railroad presidents for a hearing. Congress will begin business in earnest this week. With the Christmas holidays behind them and with the preliminary ante-holiday plans completed, both houses will start in with the intention of keeping their hands to the plow.

The Senate is not so far forward with its work as the House and the former body may experience difficulty in finding something to do in the first few days of its sitting. But the House calendar is well filled.

**Respect to Late Senator Given.**  
Both houses will reconvene on Tuesday, but both will adjourn for the day out of respect for the memory of the late Senator McAnis of Mississippi.

Wednesday will be calendar day in the House and that body will again take up the Mann bill for the reorganization of the Panama Canal Zone. It is believed that measure will be disposed of in one day and with it out of the way the House will attack the appropriation bill.

The army supply bill is already on the calendar and by the time it is passed will come the fortifications measure, the urgent deficiency, the agricultural and the Navy bills. Even the sundry civil and the legislative bills are well blocked out in committee.

Indeed, appropriation legislation is further advanced in the House than ordinarily at this season, and it is the opinion of experts that supply bills will be turned out by the committee so rapidly that the House can give them almost continuous attention in the next two months.

The Senate committee on appropriations soon will begin the District of Columbia appropriation bill. Senate committees have not been as busy as House committees and the Senate calendar is barren.

**Senate to Adjourn Early Each Week.**  
For the present adjournments of the Senate every week from Thursday until Monday may be expected.

Much interest is manifested in both houses in the two announcements that the President's message on the Sherman anti-trust law and the resolution of Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey asking for an investigation of the Interior Department and the Forestry Department will be heard on Wednesday.

There is division of opinion as to whether anything will be accomplished in the way of modifying the Sherman law this session, but everybody is concerned over the terms of the President's treatment of the subject, and his message will be read with unusual interest.

On the other hand, it is generally understood that the Jones and Humphrey resolutions will be adopted and the investigation will be entered in short order.

## GAY CHAUFFEUR TAKES WILD RIDE

UNKNOWN YOUTH CELEBRATES YEAR'S BIRTH IN NOVEL WAY.

Lone Man Circles San Francisco Statue in Machine, Then Runs Through Plate Glass Window.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(Special).—Around and around the Native Sons of the Golden West statue, at Mason and Market streets, sped an automobile with a hatless, wild-eyed youth at the wheel, early yesterday morning.

About a circle, less than 100 feet in diameter, a big red touring car flashed at a speed that inclined some to believe Barney Oldfield might be after a record.

As a culmination of a night of antics aimed to celebrate the birth of 1910, the automobilist did not attract the attention he would have done under ordinary circumstances. However, several dozen people gathered near and cheered on the reckless driver as lap after lap was covered in the wild race.

The circle about which the machine was being guided grew wider and wider, until, with a crash, the car plunged across the Market-street sidewalk and into the show windows of the United Cigar Stores establishment on the corner. The big plate-glass window was shattered and cigars, cigarettes and smokers' supplies flew in several directions. The automobile was also a wreck.

The chauffeur leaped from the machine, jumped on a streetcar and disappeared. The machine had been left by its owner at the corner for a few minutes and the unknown man who steered it about the statue jumped in and started on the wild ride.

## 38,000 AID SUFFRAGISTS

Oklahoma Women Gain Needed Support to Compel Submission.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 2.—The Oklahoma Women's Suffrage Association has obtained a sufficient number of signers to its petition to demand the submission of an amendment to the state constitution under which women shall be allowed to exercise all the privileges of the ballot enjoyed by men.

Mrs. Kate H. Biggers, of Marlow, president, and Mrs. Ruth Gay, of Oklahoma City, secretary, of the association, will come to Guthrie January 5 and file the petition with the Secretary of State.

The suffragists merely ask that the word "male" be stricken from the provision of the constitution defining who are qualified voters.

The petition bears a total of nearly 38,000 names. The suffragists in Oklahoma have had a long, hard fight.

## INDIANS TO BE FARMERS

Instruction in Agriculture Designed to Make Wards Independent.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 2.—(Special).—In connection with the new plan for administering Indian affairs, the Department will ask for an appropriation of \$175,000 from the present Congress with which to establish model farms on all of the reservations where agricultural pursuits are practicable. It is planned to place these farms in the hands of expert agriculturists and horticulturists, who will instruct the Indians in all branches of farming.

The Department already has taken steps to deprive the Indian land-owners of direct control of the money derived from renting their holdings to the white settlers, by requiring that this money be held in trust by the Indian Commissioner, to be turned over to the Indians for such improvements as are deemed advisable.

This order was made to suppress the leasing system on reservations and to enable the Indian to cultivate his own land.

## 100 DAYS WESTON'S LIMIT

Veteran Pedestrian Will Start Across Continent February 1.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Edward Payson Weston, veteran pedestrian, announced today that he will make one more transcontinental walk, and that he will get from ocean to ocean in 100 days.

Weston will start from Los Angeles at 4 o'clock the afternoon of February 1, and will be due in New York May 25. His hike from New York to San Francisco early last summer took him 105 days, but on that journey he encountered a long series of storms and unusually hot weather. If conditions are favorable this Spring, he is sure that he can cross the United States in 100 days.

## SHIPS COLLIDE; 12 DROWN

Irish Channel Scene of Disaster Caused by Fog.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The British steamers Ayreshire, for Durban, and the Arcadian, for Glasgow, collided in a fog this morning in the Irish Channel. The Arcadian sank in five minutes. All her crew scrambled aboard the Ayreshire but 12 Lascars returned to get their money and were drowned.

The Ayreshire had 200 passengers aboard. She was badly damaged, but tugs towed her to Holyhead.

## AGED WOMAN GETS COYOTE

Brute in Cellar, She Closes Door, Returns, Kills It.

ASOTIN, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Confronted by a huge coyote in the cellar of her home here, aged Mrs. Amelia Goff coolly closed the door upon the brute and returning, killed it. This was the boldest attempt to fangs ever made by a lone coyote in this county.

Mrs. Goff is the mother of Harry Goff, a prominent farmer of this district.

## 12 NIGH DEATH IN SOUTHLAND FLOOD

Torrent Forms Isle, 4 Families Marooned.

## POSSE AND LIFE-SAVERS RUSH

San Gabriel River Near Los Angeles Scene of Heroism.

## BRIDGES DOWN, RAILS OUT

Wrecking Crews Defy Storm to Repair Track—Metropolis Isolated 48 Hours—All Trains Stalled—Damage Big.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—(Special).—By heroic work on the part of a Sheriff's posse and the Venice life-saving crew, during which Sheriff Hammel nearly lost his life, 12 persons were rescued today from an island newly formed by the flooded San Gabriel River in Los Nietos Valley, two miles north of Downey and nine miles from Los Angeles. The lifesavers had to battle their way through a roaring torrent and over treacherous quicksands while heavy rains poured down on them.

The persons rescued were Mrs. Bertha Armstrong and Mrs. Sarah Wells, widows and sisters, and a son of Mrs. Wells, who lived together on a ranch near the river; Mr. and Mrs. William Paxton and their two sons; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moulton and their three children.

One of those who distinguished themselves during the night while efforts were being made to reach the endangered persons was Mrs. Henry T. Gage, wife of the newly-appointed Minister to Portugal, who braved the storm and waded through mud almost knee deep to direct the rescuers from the dge ranch.

While piloting Mrs. Bertha Armstrong and her sister, Mrs. Sarah Wells, through swirling eddies, Sheriff Hammel was himself carried under the water by the tremendous force of the river. He was about 200 yards from dry land and for a time watchers on the banks thought he was lost. He recovered himself, however, and by great exertion managed to reach shore and continued direction of the rescuers.

**Four Saved in Time.**  
The party from the Armstrong dwelling, composed of four, was taken from the ranch house at a time when it had almost given up hope. The lower part of the house was flooded and the place was entirely surrounded by storm water several feet deep. The current had undermined the foundations of the residence, which was balanced on a single support at one corner. The women are both widows. Their sons, De Forest Armstrong, aged 17, and Howard Wells, aged 19, kept their mothers alive during the terrible night by their activity and courage, but the two women collapsed when brought ashore safely.

In the midst of the rescue work word came to the Sheriff of a murder in San Gabriel. Sheriff Hammel had to withdraw his posse to hunt the criminal.

## \$250,000 GIFT HID AWAY BY PRELATE

ARCHBISHOP GLENNON IGNORES OF ART TREASURE.

Copies of Tisot's Life of Christ Paintings Presented at Jubilee Ordered Stored in Clear.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Archbishop J. Glennon learned today that boxes labeled "pictures," which were received at his home on his recent silver jubilee and placed in a cellar, were world-famous paintings worth about \$250,000. He made haste to order the treasures unpacked and brought to a place more worthy of their beauty and value.

The boxes, which were sent to the archbishop by Herman C. G. Luytjes, contained 144 paintings by Lemerle, a Parisian artist of note. They are copies of a series on the life of Christ which was finished by J. J. Tisot in 1896. They were brought to America by Louis H. Horchitz, president of the Horchitz-Hoberts-Sacks Publishing Company, who commissioned Lemerle to copy Tisot's entire Bible series, consisting of 256 Old Testament subjects and 144 from the New Testament.

Mr. Horchitz kept the entire lot for several years and then sold the Old Testament portion to Jacob Schiff, of New York, who has placed them in the Astor Library. A short time ago the life of Christ pictures were sold to Mr. Luytjes.

## LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS DROP

Statistics of Seven Interior Markets Show Inbound Decrease.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—There was a notable decrease in the inbound livestock movement in the 11 months ending with November, 1909, as measured by the number of livestock cars unloaded at seven primary interior markets, compared with the same period of the two previous years, according to a bulletin issued by the Bureau of Statistics. In 1908 this period registered 436,614 cars, 30,000 below the record for the same period of 1908, and more than \$2,000,000 below 1907.

Of the heaviest losers, having gradually declined in this respect since 1905, of packing-house products shipped from Chicago in these 11 months beef was the only item that increased over the corresponding period of the previous years.

There was a marked depletion in the stocks of meat in the five principal markets of the country. Receipts of hogs in these markets decreased \$67,000 head.

## FLOOD ISOLATES RIVERSIDE

Santa Ana River Rampant, Rainfall Breaks Record.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 2.—This city was completely cut off from railroad communication from the outside world today as the result of floods and wash-outs. Soft roadbeds and spreading tracks prevented the movement of local trains whenever attempts were made to operate. The rainfall to date for the season is 3 1/2 inches, which is a new record for January 1.

The Santa Ana River is nearly half a mile wide and from eight to twelve feet deep. Hundreds of acres of Chinese vegetable gardens are inundated. The country round between Riverside and Crestmore is under ten feet of water, and the bridge of the Crestmore trolley line over the Santa Ana was swept away.

## GREEK STATESMAN QUILTS

Military League Wins Point—Would Abolish Foreign Legations.

ATHENS, Jan. 2.—M. Triantafylakos, Minister of the Interior, has resigned, following a demand by the Military League and a conference between the King and Premier Mavromichalis. The league has demanded the abolition of all Greek legations abroad except that at Constantinople.

## MORSE BITTER AS HE STARTS TO JAIL

Convicted Banker Tries to Keep Grip.

## HE BELIEVES HE IS VICTIM

Still Hopes "Inhuman Sentence" Is Not Irrevocable.

## FAITH IN MEN REMAINS

Overwhelming Tears, as He Says Farewell to Sons, Forbids Speech, but Statement Gives Chance for Sarcasm on Drunken Juries.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—With a supreme effort to be cheerful, but with emotion occasionally getting the better of him, Charles W. Morse left New York today to begin a 15-year sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for violation of the National Banking laws.

Before leaving the Toms, where he had been confined for the greater part of the last year, Morse received his wife and two sons and then the newspaper men. He was too affected to say anything, but handed out a carefully prepared statement.

## Wife May Not Have Gone

The general understanding was that his wife was to accompany him South, but it could not be ascertained whether she was on the same train with him. Morse left at 9:45 o'clock in custody of Deputy United States Marshals. The party occupied a stateroom.

Morse's statement is bitter and dramatic. "I am going to Atlanta to begin penal servitude under the most brutal sentence ever pronounced against a citizen in a civilized country," is his opinion of the sentence.

## Hopes All Come to Naught.

"I have hoped," the statement continues, "with that hope which comes from a consciousness of my innocence, that I will not have to close out forever the light and liberty of this world under such an inhuman sentence. I have felt that the fact that I had paid a fine of \$7,000,000 and served a year in prison would satisfy the cry for a victim and I have steadily believed that the courts would be compelled to give me a new trial."

"When I learned that the private detectives of the prosecution were the keepers of the jury, that the jury drank like men upon a jaunt or a holiday, rather than citizens engaged in a serious service, and that as a result, two of them were rendered unfit, I naturally hoped I would be allowed another trial by another jury, free from these hostile influences."

## Morse Believes He Is Victim.

"It seems, however, that the courts intend to establish the practices which make run-drinking a part of a jury service and private detectives as the custodians of a jury a permanent institution. By this sentence and judgment I may be brought to ruin; but the damage done to me is not half as important as the injury to the country."

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## BOND ISSUE BEST, PRESIDENT SAYS

TAFT DISCUSSES IRRIGATION WITH BORAH.

If "Certificates" Must Be Provided, to Gain Votes, Guaranty Will Be Absolute.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 2.—President Taft today sent for Senator Borah and discussed with him various topics to be dealt with in his special message on conservation. Stress was laid upon the plan for raising additional money to hasten the completion of Government irrigation projects now under way. As Senator Borah was leaving, the President said to him:

"The Administration is determined, so far as it is within its power, to secure sufficient funds to complete these projects, and you will have the earnest and persistent support of the Administration for that purpose. I, myself, believe that the proper way to do it is by a bond issue, as you have provided in your bill, but if it is found necessary, to satisfy some and in order to get it through Congress, to call them certificates, we shall attach to them the same guarantee of validity as a bond would have, so that we can raise the money at no greater cost or rate of interest than we would pay on a bond, in legal effect that is what they must be."

"I am determined that those settlers who have gone upon these projects shall not wait any longer for their water than it is possible to get in there. If Congress will give me the money, I will give it to them. The President also expressed the opinion that \$20,000,000 would be needed for this work."

## OIL FOUND IN ATHABASCA

Secret Borings Show Inexhaustible Supply, Committee Is Told.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Evidence of the value of the Athabasca oil fields has been given before the Dominion Senate committee by Alfred van Hammett. He stated that for the last eight years he had been exploring the field between 320 and 350 miles north of Edmonton, and that some of the wells had revealed the presence of oil and gas in large quantities.

The wells varied in depth from 250 to 300 feet. He showed samples of naphtha oil and of oil collected in the sand. He declared that in the wells which he was boring there were inexhaustible supplies of this material. Near the surface it was found in a hardened state, while 60 feet lower down it was found in a semi-liquid condition.

His work had been carried on secretly. He declared that there was no foundation for the statement in the prospectus of the California & Alberta Oil Company that it had discovered oil on a 10,000-acre property 30 miles north of Edmonton.

## JOHNSON "TAKES COUNT"

Pugilist Loses Fight With Terre Haute Police, Who Attach Trunks.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Jack Johnson refused to fulfill his contract to appear at a Terre Haute theater today, and the manager attached his trunks as he was about to board a train for Columbus, O. Johnson said that the theater was too cold.

## When a Constable Served the Writ on Johnson he mounted his baggage and said he would "hit the first man who touched it."

The constable called the police and the fighter backed down when Captain Armstrong brought five men to take him to jail.

Johnson later tried to engage a special train, but failed, and when he saw his belongings dumped on a dray, told his manager he would stay here till tomorrow and fight the case.

## LOCAL DEALERS HELPED

New Rules Governing Indian Supplies Eliminates Monopolies.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 2.—(Special).—The promised bulletin outlining the changes in the specifications relative to the delivery of contract supplies for the Indian reservations, schools and agencies, and providing that fobbers in all sections of the country may participate in the bidding, has been received at the Fort Lapwai agency.

Under the new order the supplies are delivered to the agency or school where to be used, and the supplies for each place are purchased by separate contract. This will permit wholesale dealers of Northwest cities to submit bids for the agencies and schools nearby and will largely eliminate the monopoly plan that has characterized the supplying of Indian agencies and schools under the system which provided that all supplies be delivered to the Indian warehouses either at Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha or San Francisco.

## KINGSTON TREMOR SLIGHT

Two Shocks Felt, but Mount Pelee Is Not in Eruption.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 2.—Two earth tremors were recorded here today. They were of slight intensity and not sufficient to cause damage or alarm. The stronger shock was recorded at 10:29 A. M., but showed only a small movement on the seismograph.

## PORT DU FRANCE, Martinique, Jan. 2.—There has been no eruption of Mount Pelee and Soufriere is also inactive.

## ST. THOMAS, Jan. 2.—No earthquake has occurred here, or so far as can be learned, in any other West Indian island.

## GAYNOR ASKS KIND WORDS FOR MURPHY

Appointments Made in Waggish Vein.

## RICH BACHELOR GETS PLACE

"Great Catch," Says Mayor in Naming Rhinelander Waldo.

## DEMOCRATS GET OFFICES

Biographies Appended to Announcements Give Ages and Social Condition of Appointees—Makes Fun of Ridder.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Mayor Gaynor gave out tonight his list of appointments so far as he has been able to make them, and an account of his relations with Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall. The letter follows:

"When Mayor Gaynor was seen last evening he was found in his home library, deep in the perusal of a little book called 'Wisdom of Benjamin Franklin.' When asked if the political leaders had been consulted in making appointments, he said:

"I feel that there is one great act of justice which I should do. I was nominated without even a suggestion being made as to what I should do as Mayor. Since election Charles F. Murphy has called on me three times, each time asking me to appoint the best women to be found. His suggestions were few; he urged nothing and kept saying that the responsibility was solely with me."

## Murphy Has No Horses.

"I fear there are a good many persons in this city who do not know Charles F. Murphy. Some of them seem to think he has horns and hoofs. I can only say of him what I have seen. He fully realizes that a political organization cannot survive and grow broader on patronage alone, without political ideas and virtue, but must survive and die of worse than dry rot. I would as soon give some good women and clergymen who are writing to me about Charles F. Murphy, and what they call the white slave traffic, to go up and see him and say a kind word to him. They may be surprised."

"They shall not bear false witness," is also one of his commandments; there are more vices than one."

The Mayor, in naming his appointees, appends also a brief personal and political biography of each. These comments, some of them waggish, some naive, it was announced later, were not to be printed as the Mayor's own, although he did not say they were issued without his sanction. Some are conspicuous in a formal statement.

## "Rich Bachelor" Appointed.

For instance, of Rhinelander Waldo, appointed Fire Commissioner, it is noted that he is a "bachelor and a great catch, for he is rich."

Of Herman B. Zettling, of the State Zettling, to whom has been offered the position of park commissioner for Manhattan and Richmond, but who has not accepted, the statement says that on account of Mr. Ridder's connection with the press, the feels delicate in the matter, as his work as a public official would have to be commented on by the press, and should not be under constraint. The spectacle of a newspaper proprietor running for office or in office, and being puffed up by his own newspaper is nauseous to Mr. B.

## Appointees Mostly Democrats.

Most of the appointees are dyed-in-the-wool Democrats, and the statement is careful in giving the biographies, not only to mention those that are married, but also to specify that they have children. The Mayor himself has seven children.

Among the appointments are: Corporation Counsel, salary \$15,000—Archibald B. Watson, 40 years of age, married, Democrat.

City Chamberlain, salary \$12,000—Charles H. Hyde, 40 years of age, married, Democrat.

Commissioner of Docks, salary \$7,000—Calvin Tomkins, married, Democrat.

Commissioner of Charities, salary \$7,500—Michael J. Drummond, married, politics not given.

Commissioner of Water, Gas and Electricity, salary \$7,500—Henry S. Thompson, single, Democrat. With him is appointed Professor Edward Bonis as first deputy, salary \$2,000.

The head of the water department, Cleveland, O., which, it is conceded, he has made the model water department of the country.

Commissioner of Bridges, salary \$7,500—Kingley Martin, 32 years old, Democrat.

The seven tax commissioners, the statement concludes, "will be appointed in a day or two."

## SHERIFF GOES TO SALEM

Woman's Funds Low, and Attorney Will Fight at Long Range.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Sheriff Stimpington, of Clark County, Washington, who has been here to take Mrs. Mary Johnson into custody, left today for Salem, which will be the ground, temporarily, of the woman's fight for freedom.

Judge James A. Fee, the woman's attorney, said this evening that his client could not afford to send him to Salem, and that he would be compelled to maintain his side of the battle at long range.

