

## REVISED CURRENCY BILL PASSES HOUSE

### Conference Report Upheld 298 to 60.

SENATE VOTES AGAIN TODAY

President Expected to Have Measure by Tonight.

CHANGE NOT FUNDAMENTAL

Majority Leader Underwood Gets Great Ovation as He Rises to Denial Measure—Mann Makes Grave Prediction of Result.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The House passed the conference report on the Administration currency bill at 10:46 o'clock tonight by a vote of 298 to 60 and sent the report to the Senate, which had waited in session to receive it before adjournment for the night.

General debate on the report began in the House at 7:39 o'clock. It was agreed to discuss the measure for two hours and forty minutes; an hour and twenty minutes for the Democrats, an hour for the Republicans and 20 minutes for the Progressives.

No Fundamental Change Made.

Opening the discussion, Representative Glass said the conferees had reported the original House bill back "without one single fundamental alteration."

Mr. Glass went over the conference report in detail and defended the note provisions of the bill which had been assailed by bankers and members of the Senate.

Representative Hayes, of California, minority member of the House conference committee, criticized the failure of the Senate and the conference to remove the provision which makes the Government of the United States primarily responsible for the notes it proposes to issue to the regional reserve banks.

Farm Loan Credit Bill.

Mr. Hayes also declared the bill defective in the provision extending credit on farm loans, maintaining that it was a "gold brick to the farmer," in that only a small percentage of the surplus of the small banks could be loaned to the farmers.

Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, Republican, announced that he would vote for the conference report because he believed it an improvement of both Senate and House bills.

"Under this bill," he said, "the reserve in Wall street can no longer be used in stock speculation, but must be used to meet the commercial needs of the country."

"Travelty," Says Moore.

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, characterized the bill as a "travelty upon Democracy's so-called popular rule" and a "confession of dictation."

Representative Guernsey, of Maine, Republican, said he objected to the bill chiefly because the Reserve Board would be controlled by northern interests. Representative Bagdadie, of South Carolina, Hefflin, of Alabama, and A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, Democrats, supported the report in enthusiastic talks.

Victor Murdock, in announcing he would not vote for the report, insisted the Democrats had acted too hastily, and struck only a "half blow" at special interests.

"In the last eight months," said Mr. Murdock, "I have seen the mental attitude of Democratic leaders change from a desire to serve the public to an attitude of trying to avert National legislation. There is no passion in this country yet. There are no hard times yet, but the special interests of the country, which are no mean enemy, have been spreading the poison of pessimism all over the country."

High Cost Phantom Seen.

Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, Progressive, assailed the conference report on the ground it eventually would increase rather than decrease the cost of living. The vital defect of the measure, he said, was that it did not give the Federal Reserve Board the right to fix rates of interest to be charged by the bankers to the borrowers of the country.

Representative Kahn, of California, and East, of New York, Republicans, criticized the report, declaring it would prove a disappointment to the Nation.

Much of the discussion concerned the elimination by the conferees of the Senate's scheme of guaranty of bank deposits. Representative Glass declared the Senate provision would have defeated any real guaranty of bank deposits, and intimated that further legislation on this must be undertaken. He said that such a guaranty of deposits ought to place the tax on the banks and not on the Government.

Representative Temple, Progressive, of Pennsylvania, announced that although he voted against the House bill, he would support the conference report because he believed it a great improvement over the original measure.

Underwood Gets Ovation.

Majority Leader Underwood, as the debate neared a conclusion, was given a great ovation when he rose to speak. (Continued on Page 6.)

## PRESIDENT SINGS FROM THEATER BOX

### Wilson Joins in Old 'Nassau' Chorus at College Play.

Washington Society and Diplomats Hear Nation's Executive Aroused by Princeton Spirit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson stood in a box in a local theater today, then with uplifted hands joined in the chorus of "Old Nassau," the alma mater song of Princeton.

It was at the conclusion of the performance of the Princeton University "Triangle Club," when the entire audience arose and Mr. Wilson also sang, as did all alumni of the institution present.

The play, a musical comedy written by the students, was attended by Washington society in general, Mrs. Marshall, the wife of the Vice-President, and the ladies of the circuit and Supreme Court circles occupied boxes, as did members of the diplomatic corps.

A son and nephew of Justice Pitney, of the United States Supreme Court, took part in the performance.

The students gave the President a locomotive cheer as he left the theater. He was accompanied by his youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson.

## HUERTA SAVES BANK BY CALLING HOLIDAY

### London and Mexico Institution Near Crisis.

\$7,000,000 HURRIEDLY DRAWN

Ten Days' Respite Edict May Ward Off Disaster.

OTHER BANKS INCLUDED

Indications Are No Other Houses, With Possible Exception of One, Will Take Advantage of Privilege to Halt Business.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Bank of London and Mexico tonight began a careful scrutiny of the affairs of that institution, and if their findings are endorsed by other bankers it is not improbable assurances will be offered the directors which will enable a full resumption of the business of the institution. It is reasonably certain, however, the bank will continue to avail itself of the decree of President Huerta issued making the last 10 days of the present year legal holidays.

With the possible exception of one other institution it is believed that no other bank than the Bank of London and Mexico will take advantage of the official edict, which authorizes financial institutions to do as little or as much business as they desire during what is regarded as a financial crisis.

200 Pesos Drawing Limit.

The Bank of London and Mexico was crowded to its capacity at the closing hour of business today by men and women who were trying to withdraw their deposits. The amounts paid depositors were limited to 200 pesos, and no assurances were given that even this much would be given out in the future. The approximate amount withdrawn from the bank since depositors began demanding their money, several days ago, is said to exceed 15,000,000 pesos. Of this amount 15,000,000 pesos (\$7,000,000) was withdrawn since last Tuesday.

The Bank of London and Mexico has, in the various states, 12 branches, four of which were closed some time ago on account of local conditions. These were at Monterey, Torreon, Mazatlan and Durango.

On a minor scale the condition of the remaining branches is similar to that of the parent institution, but all are taking advantage of President Huerta's decree which has been telegraphed to the various points where the branches are located.

The crisis which the Bank of London and Mexico faces has been no secret. (Continued on Page 6.)

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## OCEAN WAVE TEARS UP MILE OF TRACK

### Passenger Train Halts Just in Time.

SALT AIR BEACH WRECK STREWN

Summer Homes and Hotel Elmore Damaged by Water.

RAILROAD IS UNDERMINED

Engineer of Passenger Train Sees Danger Before Those on Board Are Aware of Peril—Train Reaches City 8 Hours Late.

A mighty wall of water, greatly resembling a tidal wave, came up from the stormy Pacific yesterday morning and swept the beach for more than a mile near Salthair in Tillamook County, tearing railroad tracks from their bedrocks, undermining the foundations of dwellings and leaving wreckage and ruin in its path.

Southern Pacific train No. 20, which left Tillamook at 7 o'clock yesterday morning for Portland, narrowly escaped the giant waves. It arrived on the stretch of open beach just as the angry waters reached their height. The engineer saw the track a few hundred feet ahead of him go out. He was running slow and applied the brakes. The train came to a standstill on the edge of a shallow channel that had been cut under the track by the tide.

Track Hangs Suspended.

The rails, twisted and bent out of shape, spanned the channel, the ties hanging suspended below them.

A wrecking crew and section hands repaired the tracks, while passengers ambled about to take an inventory of the damage wrought on other parts of the beach.

Many small dwellings and two or three larger houses suffered severely. The water tore the sand away from under the foundations, many of which are of wood. Most of the houses on this part of the beach are used by Portland people as summer cottages. They are not intended for permanent occupancy, and are not constructed of heavy material.

Elmore Hotel Damaged.

The Elmore Hotel, which is one of the largest buildings along the beach, was damaged considerably. This building recently has been raised about eight feet. The water tore away the front porch and undermined the wooden foundation.

The floors of some of the houses that are built nearer to the ground were flooded.

Train No. 29 arrived in Portland (Continued on Page 6.)

## NEW POWER PLANT WILL BEGIN TODAY

### NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY READY TO OPERATE.

Tariff Filed Calls for Reductions in Rates—East Side Business District to Get First Service.

The first delivery of power in Portland by the Northwestern Electric Company will begin this morning, when electric light and power circuits serving the East Side business section and part of the residential district, will be switched into operation from the company's East Side distributing station, at Albina avenue and Loring street.

W. E. Coman, vice-president and general manager of the company, announced yesterday that everything is ready for operation.

"Today's service marks the beginning of active competition in the electric light and power field in this city," said Mr. Coman.

The district to be served at once on the East Side includes the business section along Union, Grand and Williams avenues, Russell street, and a large part of the Upper Albina and East Portland residential sections. Service on the West Side will not be started until the completion of the main distributing station in the basement of the Pittcock block. This will be on or about March 1.

A tariff, making general reductions in the present rates charged for both light and power in Portland, has been filed at Salem with the State Railroad Commission, by the Northwestern Electric Company.

"The new tariff discards the percentage system entirely," explained Mr. Coman. "It fixes a definite rate for the first 100 hours of power used, with another certain fixed rate for power or light used in excess of 100 hours."

## WEST NOT OBEYED; COPPERFIELD WET

### Baker Sheriff Refuses to Close Saloons.

LEGAL RIGHT IS QUESTIONED

District Attorney Counsels Keeping Hands Off.

ATTACK LAID TO REVENGE

Complaint Is Said to Be Against Saloonkeeper, Who Is Claimed by Officials of New City.

FOR ASSERTS AUTHORITY.

Mr. Or. Dec. 22.—(Special)—The sheriff of Baker County, Oregon, tonight refused to close the saloons of Copperfield, declaring the Executive had no legal authority to make the order. Governor West said:

"Well, I will close the saloons there myself, and I will close any other saloons that country that other closing."

Governor West declares that he has authority under the provisions of the code to act in cases of breaches of peace, and also under the home rule law.

## SLOVER ASKS FOR HEARING

### Cases of Recently Discharged Police to Be Called Today.

Declaring that his dismissal from the police department was "for political and religious reasons" and was not made in good faith for the purpose of improving the public service, E. A. Slower, Acting Chief of Police, yesterday filed a petition for a hearing before the Municipal Civil Service Board, of the charges on which Mayor Albee discharged him recently.

All of the policemen recently dismissed have asked for hearings. George W. Caldwell, chairman of the Civil Service Board, announced that the cases will be called tomorrow at 2 o'clock and set for hearings. Each man will be given a separate hearing if desired.

## MYTH DESTROYER FINED

### Man Who Tried to Disillusion Son as to Santa Is Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The man who does not believe in Santa Claus was fined \$3 today for trying to convert his 6-year-old son to his creed.

The chief witness against him was his sister-in-law. She testified that she had pleaded and wept when he tried to persuade the boy that Santa Claus was a myth. Her cries brought a policeman to the house and the police brought the man to the station, where he was charged with disorderly conduct.

The man is Gustav Kotch. He lives in a flat in the Bronx.

## ST. PAUL POLICEMEN LEAD

### Ex-Chief Says Not Guilty, Too, to 13th Indictment Against Him.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—Several of those indicted by the grand jury that returned 27 indictments Friday in connection with its investigation into graft in the underworld entered pleas of not guilty in the District Court today.

Martin J. Fitcher, ex-Chief of Police, was indicted jointly with Daniel Walker, sergeant of detectives, and Detectives John Delaney and John Thomas for the alleged slugging in the police station of Howard Gullford, editor of a weekly newspaper. Flanagan pleaded not guilty to the 13th indictment that has been returned against him in two weeks.

## MUNICIPAL TREE LIGHTED

### Spokane Mayor Plays Santa to Poor on Downtown Corner.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Spokane's municipal Christmas tree, 50 feet high on a prominent business corner, was lighted for the first time tonight. It will be illuminated each night until 12 o'clock, December 31.

A programme of carols and other Christmas music will be rendered each night. Mayor W. J. Hindley acted as Santa Claus tonight and distributed presents to the children who furnished the programme.

## BRAIN GONE, PATIENT LIVES

### Man Shows No Sign of Cerebral as Think Tissues Shrink.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Before the Academy of Science tonight, Dr. Robinson reported a case in which life was sustained when a great part of the brain had been destroyed. The case was that of a man 62 years old, treated for a year for an apparently slight wound of the occiput.

During this time the patient showed no signs of brain trouble, but the autopsy revealed the presence of an abscess which had reduced the brain tissue to a mere shell.

## JOB, \$500 MONTH, OFFERED

### Commissioner Dieck Ready to Appoint City Engineer.

Who wants a job at \$500 a month? City Commissioner Dieck has such a position which he is anxious to fill. He says he will fill it as soon as the right man puts in an application. The position will be that of City Engineer, or perhaps it may be called "Municipal Engineer."

Commissioner Dieck announced yesterday that inasmuch as the people at the last election refused to so amend the charter that an engineer could be selected outside the city, he will try once more to find someone at home. Efforts so far have been of no avail, he says.

"As soon as I am sure I have the right man, I am going to make the appointment," said Commissioner Dieck yesterday.

## PARCEL POST IS SWAMPED

### San Francisco Postoffice to Handle 1,000,000 Holiday Packages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Before the holiday rush ends San Francisco's district postoffice today will have handled 1,000,000 packages, ranging in weight from 1 to 20 pounds, at an average fee of 15 cents a package. This means receipts of \$150,000 during the first Christmas package business handled by parcel post in this city.

One hundred men are working day and night delivering packages from 25 wagons and four automobiles; 100 more handle the outgoing business.

Fifty-five thousand packages were handled Saturday. Postmaster Fay says today's business and each day hereafter during the holidays will average 100,000 packages, so popular is the parcel post business here that the authorities have given up hope of keeping tab on it from now until New Year's.

## TURKEY ARRIVALS LIGHT

### Receipts of Holiday Birds Not Up to Expectations; Prices Firm.

Receipts of Christmas turkeys yesterday did not come up to expectations. The bulk of the supply arrived yesterday, and dealers were enabled to get a line on the situation. There probably will not be any shortage, nor is any surplus in sight. Prices, therefore, are steady.

In the retail markets, fresh turkeys are quoted at 25 cents to 30 cents, and these prices will prevail today and tomorrow. In some of the markets turkeys that were carried over in storage from Thanksgiving are being offered at 25 cents.

Ducks, geese and chickens are fairly plentiful and are selling well. Additional shipments of turkeys will arrive from the country today.

## WILSON'S MEN CONFIRMED

### Senate Sanctions Appointments of Williams and Whitlock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Senate tonight confirmed appointments of George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, to be Minister to Greece, and Brand Whitlock, of Ohio, to be Minister to Belgium.

The appointment of Henry M. Pin-dell as Ambassador to Russia is still before the foreign relations committee and probably will not be considered by the Senate until after the Christmas recess.

A large number of appointments were confirmed, including a majority of those sent in by President Wilson since the new session assembled.

## CORSET, SHAVES FOR BABY

### Beer, Wine, Flour and Coal Also Go to Lorain's First-Born in 1914.

LORAIN, O., Dec. 22.—(Special)—As the result of a movement started by a local newspaper, the first baby born in Lorain in 1914 will not have to worry about the high cost of living for some time to come.

When the publication asked for gifts a flood of donations were received, among them being: A corset, bottle of sherry wine, theater pass for life, barber work for life, case of beer, four sacks of flour and a ton of coal.

The father of the first-born gets a suit of clothes, a box of cigars and a few other luxuries.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THEN AND NOW.



## Portland's Remarkable Progress

Do you know that Portland has issued 33,814 building permits during the last five years, and that the building expenditure during the same period has been \$81,198,372?

Do you know that this is a record not equaled by any other city in the Pacific North-West, Seattle ranking next with less than \$63,000,000 expenditure?

Do you know that Portland's bank clearings for 1913 will reach \$626,800,000, placing it for the first time among the \$600,000,000 cities?

Do you know that Portland's postal receipts for 1913 will be approximately \$1,176,000, the highest in the city's history?

These facts and many others of equal interest will be included in the Oregonian Annual, to be issued January 1, 1914. Both in text and illustrations this number will excel. Every citizen of Oregon should mail copies to his friends in other states. An order blank is printed on another page of today's issue.