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AMERICAN FLAG WAVES FREE

GORMAN STIRS UP SENATE EBATE

Blames Republicans for Refusing Postal Inquiry, Chides Committee for Undue Haste, Roasts President.

Charges That Adjournment of Congress Is at Beck and Call of Chief Executive.

PENROSE AND LODGE DEFEND

Democrats Clamor for Hearing of Heath Charges and Are Informed That Evidence Against Him Is Lacking

Washington, March 30.—The senate today began the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill and it was a signal for the revival of the democratic demand for an investigation into the charges of corruption in the postoffice department.

The debate was initiated by Mr. Gorman who criticised the republican party in the senate for refusing the inquiry and charged the postoffice committee with undue haste in reporting the bill. He said the republican party with a desire to adjourn congress at an exceptionally early date in order to meet the wishes of the president.

Clay contended there should be a congressional inquiry, saying the charges against Heath, ex-first postmaster-general, were such as to demand an investigation. Penrose and Lodge spoke for the republican side of the chamber, defending the committee on postoffices against the charge of haste and also the administration. Lodge contended that congress could not make the inquiry as thorough as that already made by the postoffice committee. He charged the democratic attack to a desire to find a political issue.

Scott quoted District Attorney Reach and Assistant Attorney-General Robb

as saying there was not sufficient evidence upon which to indict Heath.

CLEAN YOUR OWN YARD.

Georgia Congressman Answers Massachusetts Member Anent Negroes. Washington, March 30.—Substantial progress was made today by the house in the consideration of the sundry appropriation bill, 51 pages being disposed of, leaving only 21 to be read. No amendments of general importance were made.

Bartlett, of Georgia, briefly replied to the statements of Gillet, of Massachusetts, made last Monday on the negro question. He said that the Massachusetts member had lectured the south for disregard of the violations of the law, whereas in the city of Marion, Mass., persons had tarred and feathered a man and woman who had been acquitted and were paraded through the streets as heroes. He believed that the people of the south are entitled to work out the negro problem "as God shall will it."

Crumpacker, of Indiana, declared that 2000 persons had been mobbed and put to death in the last 25 years in the United States.

TWO FEATHERS THROWS 'EM.

Succeeds in Downing Person of Tacoma and John Berg.

Tacoma, March 30.—Chief Two Feathers tonight defeated Chris Person of Tacoma, and John Berg, of Bellingham, in a wrestling match. Two Feathers secured the first fall from Person in 25 minutes and 40 seconds. He secured the second fall from Berg in 21 minutes and 10 seconds. Person took a third fall from the Indian in nine minutes and 40 seconds. Two Feathers then won the fourth fall from Berg in 30 minutes and five seconds. The Indian agreed to take three falls out of five from Person and Berg.

NEGRO FOR PRESIDENT.

Nomination Will Be Made by Colored Party July 6.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 30.—W. T. Scott, a negro, has announced that preparations have been completed for a national convention of a negro candidate for president. The convention will be held in St. Louis July 6. The name of the new party is the "national civil liberal" and the platform will call for government ownership and pension list for former slaves.

JAPAN DENIES PRIVILEGE OF USING TELEGRAPH LINES TO SEND OUT NEWS

Strict Censorship Employed Gives Rise to Belief That Some Important Move Regarding Army Movements Is Contemplated.

Supposed That Troops Are to Be Re-Embarked to Some Other Point—Vice-Admiral Makaroff Sleeps With Clothes on to Be Ready at All Times to Answer Call of Duty, But Reports Himself to Be in Splendid Condition.

London, March 30.—The correspondent of the Times at Nul Chwang cabling yesterday says: "The Russian police have apologized and have re-hoisted the United States flag over the correspondents' mess."

London, March 30.—The Telegraph says that Japanese authorities have refused the correspondents the use of the field telegraph lines, and all dispatches must be sent to Tokio by mail. The Telegraph, in an editorial on the unprecedented severity of this censorship suggests that Japan has some important move to conceal, possibly a re-embarkation of a portion of her forces for some other point and is anxious to guard against other possibilities of leakage through foreign correspondents.

SEARCHING FOR MINES.

Explosives Planted by Japanese to Be Located by Authorities.

Vladivostok, March 30.—In order to allay the apprehension of the people the authorities have instituted a search for the mines alleged to have been planted by the Japanese which were to be exploded at an opportune moment. Borings have been made in the mountain upon which is located the No Name battery, but nothing suspicious was found.

Bollers are being installed in the Jemchung and Isurad which are now building at the Nevsky works and the authorities expect that in a few weeks they will be able to remove these ships to Cronstadt where they will receive their armament.

REPORT IS IGNORED.

Nothing Officially Stated Regarding Alleged Captures.

Paris, March 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris, it is rumored in Russian official quarters that Captain Reitzenstein's Vladivostok squadron has returned to port, but officials ignore the statement that the squadron has captured any Japanese warships or trading vessels.

Admiral Never Undresses

Cronstadt, March 30.—The War Relief Society has received a cablegram from Vice-Admiral Makaroff, dated at Port Arthur, March 29, which says: "Last night was a very quiet one, but we cannot hope for a very quiet time either now or in the near future. I sleep without undressing, in order that I may be ready for any emergency. Consequently I cannot observe your medical advice to take care of myself, nevertheless I feel splendid."

Plans for Construction Docks.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Professor Zimnoff has completed plans for dry docks for the accommodation of battleships which are capable of being rapidly constructed. Plans will be sent to Viceroy Alexieff for his action.

Russians Sink Steamer.

Chefoo, March 30.—The captain, an officer and one passenger of the Japanese coasting steamer Hanyel arrived at Tengchow this morning and report-

ed that the Hanyel had been fired on and sunk by the Russian fleet near the Mizoto islands on the morning of March 27. They also reported that the remainder of the crew and passengers, Chinese and Japanese, 17 in number, had been taken prisoners by the Russians.

Corean Soldiers Riotous.

Seoul, March 30.—It is reported that 500 disbanded Corean soldiers near Ping Yang are becoming riotous.

CONTEMPT CASE DISCUSSED

Only Means of Reaching Agreement is to Issue Inspection Order.

Seattle, March 30.—John Beatty today invited the attorneys for the parties in the contempt proceedings to meet with him, with a view to reaching an agreement regarding the application of attorneys Forbis and Evans on behalf of the Butte & Boston and the Boston & Montana Companies for a perpetual inspection order allowing inspection at all times of the workings of the Rarus and Johnstown claims supposed to lead to the Michael Devitt lode. The matter of an amicable settlement was discussed at length.

Finally Forbis for the Amalgamated Company announced that it would be impossible to reach an agreement and said that the court might as well make an order for an inspection and then agreed that an order would be granted for an inspection two times each week.

PANAMA EXPRESSES SURPRISE

Failure of United States to Pay up Embarrasses New Republic.

Panama, March 30.—The greatest surprise is manifested in all circles here over the alleged non-fulfillment by the United States in the agreement of the exchange of ratifications of the canal treaty. The United States should pay to the new republic the sum of \$10,000,000, and it is understood that the failure of the United States to make the payment has compelled the Panama government to float a loan in New York.

Washington, March 30.—The reason for the non-payment of the \$10,000,000 to Panama for the canal territory is doubtless to be found in the fact that the title cannot be taken to the canal until after the necessary formalities in Paris. Two law officers of the department of justice have gone there to see that the Panama Canal Company regularly conveys its rights and title to the canal property.

Plucky Girl Files on Claim.

Tacoma, Wash., March 30.—Through pure grit, Miss Grace Page, a Tacoma girl who works as a stenographer in the office of the county attorney, has secured a valuable timber claim in Siskiyou county, northern California. She heard of a claim 40 miles from the railroad and was informed that several parties intended to file on it as soon as open weather permitted.

She made up her mind to have the claim. She started out horseback, but when 12 miles from the place was forced to stop owing to deep snow. She hunted around and secured a pair of snowshoes and made the journey

a blinding storm raging at the time, causing her twice to lose her way. She finally reached the place, however, and felled on land covered with 6,000,000 feet of yellow pine.

Miss Page was with the Tacoma party that stamped into Southern Oregon last summer and fled on timber land, which subsequently was included by the government in a forest reserve.

BOTKIN JURORS BRIBED.

Court Discharges Them All and New Jury Will be Impanelled.

San Francisco, March 30.—The second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin on the charge of having caused the death of Mrs. J. F. Dunning by means of poisoned candy, virtually ended in a sensation late this afternoon. Acting upon the information that four jurors had been bribed to favor the prisoner, Judge Cook ordered the jury into the custody of the sheriff until morning when he will formally dismiss the jury and begin impaneling a new one. It is alleged that besides the four jurors who are said to have been influenced, attempt was made to bribe a fifth.

When the denouncement came in court today Mrs. Botkin's attorney made a passionate speech disclaiming that Mrs. Botkin or any one connected with the case was implicated. He also said he would not continue with the present jury. The state's attorney concurred in the motion to discharge the jury.

Held up By Blizzard.

Seattle, March 30.—The first through train from St. Paul on the Northern Pacific since Saturday arrived today. The train was held up by a blizzard at Richardson, N. D. In the western part of that state snow was piled many feet deep and a rotary snow plow with its engines, was wrecked. Passengers report that practically no suffering was experienced during the wait.

Welcomed in Denmark.

Copenhagen, March 30.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here today to attend the family gathering on the occasion of King Christian's 86th birthday. They were received at the railroad station by all the members of the royal family, the cabinet ministers, the diplomatic corps and civil and military authorities.

COURT ORDERS BRYAN TO SILENCE

Jumps Excitedly to His Feet During Progress of Will Case to Refute Attorney But Is Told to Sit Down.

Facts Are Being Withheld Asserts Counsel for Widow, During Bitter Speech.

Dictated Sealed Letter

Entire Day Taken Up With Arguments Regarding Legality of Admitting Letter, and Sensations Are Sprung.

New Haven, Conn., March 30.—Further sensational incidents marked the second day's hearing on the appeal of W. J. Bryan from the probate in the superior court today before Judge Gager. Ex-Judge Stoddard, counsel for Mrs. Benett, and Bryan engaged in a wordy war during the morning session and the court had to intervene. It followed immediately after reference to correspondence between Mr. Bryan and Benett had been made by Judge Stoddard in which it was alleged that Benett was brought to the point of writing the "sealed letter" by Bryan. Judge Stoddard implied that Mr. Bryan was withholding the contents and said "If this man insists upon getting \$50,000 from a widow by suppressing facts and showing that these letters were written at his behest, the court should know the facts."

Mr. Bryan jumped to his feet and insisted that Judge Stoddard had misstated facts, but the court ordered him to sit down.

The day was taken up entirely by arguments on the question of admitting the "sealed letter," Judge Stoddard concluding the argument he began yesterday.

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