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PRESIDENT EXPLAINS WHY HE VETOED CENSUS BILL

Objects to System of Appointment of Measure

GRAFTING TOO EASY

Bill Now Permits of Appointment Without Competitive Examinations

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN

After Providing For a Reprint of Census Bill House Adjourns Section of President's Message Causes Laughter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—"The evil effects of spoils system and custom of treating appropriations to public service as personal perquisites of professional politicians are peculiarly evident in the case of public work like the taking of census, work which should be emphatically done for the whole people and with an eye single to their interest." With these words President Roosevelt today summed up in his message to the house returning without his approval the measure providing for the taking of the next census because of provision that appointments shall be made on a basis of non-competitive examinations. As passed by congress the bill permits representatives and senators to designate persons for the positions after they have undergone a single examination. Reference of the president to division of spoils "Without a fight by professional politicians" on both sides provoked general laughter. After providing for a reprint of the census bill, the house adjourned, thus postponing any action on the message. Private complaints by the score had their innings in the house of representatives today, the whole session being given over under special order to their consideration. The President's message vetoing the census bill was read just before adjournment. It reached the house shortly after noon but its reading was held up for fear a discussion of it might jeopardize the passage of a number of private bills that were entitled to consideration under special order.

BUFFUM BOOSTED.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 5.—Professor W. H. Olin has announced the appointment of Professor B. C. Buffum of Worland, Wyo., as one of the judges of the dry farming exhibits which will be displayed during the trans-Missouri Dry Farming exhibits which will be displayed during the

PRESIDENT STILL HOPES FOR BEST

Satisfied That Governor Gillett Will Have Japanese Measure Reconsidered

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—While President Roosevelt is greatly displeased at the action yesterday of the California assembly in passing the Japanese school segregation bill he is apparently satisfied that Governor Gillett and Speaker Stanton take his view of the situation and they will press on the assembly the importance of reconsidering its action. There is reason to believe that the Japanese

Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress to be held in Cheyenne. Professor Buffum has been a director of the experimental station at the University of Wyoming for many years and was formerly connected with the Colorado Agricultural College. The Denver Chamber of Commerce has donated three silver cups as prizes for the best Colorado exhibit at the Congress. The Denver Post, has also donated a cup.

THEIR PAY INCREASED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Favorable action on the bill providing an increased allowance of from \$2 to \$3 per day for expenses and subsistence of deputy marshals while away from their regular places of duty is recommended by the House committee on the judiciary. In a letter to the committee giving approval to the bill, Attorney General Bonaparte says that it is a matter of common information that the expense of lodging, etc., has materially increased since 1894, and that while the proposed action would increase the government expenditures, it would not be expected that deputy marshals should pay the expenses incurred officially.

CHARGED WITH MURDER OF CHAS. ESSICK

CORONER'S JURY RETURN A VERDICT OF DECEMBER 28TH KILLING.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 5.—Paul Essick's 16-year-old son and Robert Edward Piper, alias Arthur Davis, his son-in-law, were arrested this afternoon charged with the murder of Charles P. Essick, an aged clerk of the Pike's Peak Camp Woodmen of the World who on the night of December 28th was stabbed and afterwards shot to make death certain. The coroner's jury in addition to accusing Davis and young Essick of the crime found in the verdict that Mrs. Flora Essick, a wife of the murdered man, had guilty knowledge of the crime.

WINDS DO DAMAGE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Wind storm loss claims continue to pour in upon the insurance companies as a result of the recent blizzard and it is now apparent that the insurance losses will exceed those of any cyclone on record.

Experts estimate that the wind-storm damage alone in Kansas and Nebraska will be \$500,000 each with \$250,000 in Missouri and large amounts in four or five other states. This does not take into account the heavy fire losses which resulted from the storm, those in Oklahoma alone during the three days it raged being estimated at \$600,000.

WELL, WHY NOT?

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 5.—As a result of allegations made by citizens of Tuskegee, Ala., that the Tuskegee Railway, which operates trains between Tuskegee and Chelaw a distance of five miles, discriminates in the matter of freight and passenger rates in favor of the Tuskegee industrial institute of which Booker T. Washington is present and founder, the state railroad commission has ordered an investigation. Testimony will be taken at Tuskegee March 2.

FLOODS IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 5.—Dispatches received from all river districts of Germany indicate floods as a result of rains and warm weather increasing. Over 50 fatalities reported and great property damage resulted. In many western provinces traffic entire suspended. The government ordered all available military engineers proceed to the stricken districts to build dams to prevent further encroachment of the water.

FORAKER MAY YET RETURN TO SENATE

RUMOR ABROAD THAT THE SENATOR MAY REPRESENT ARIZONA.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 5.—A special from Washington says members of the Senate are seriously discussing the rumors that Senator Foraker in the event of Statehood will seek residence in Arizona for the purpose of representing the State in the Senate. It is said that overtures have been made by him by prominent citizens of the territory both republicans and democrats. Senators who have talked of this probability express the hope that it may result in the return of Foraker to the Senate notwithstanding the interruption of his career in Ohio.

HASKELL'S TRIAL WILL OCCUR IN APRIL

BOTH GOVERNOR AND THE GOVERNMENT WANT A SPEEDY HEARING.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 5.—Judge Campbell today set February 13 as the day for persons indicted in connection with the alleged Oklahoma town lot fraud to appear and plead to their indictments.

TEARING A DUCK IN THREE.

I think one of the most amusing experiences I ever had in my life, was on an occasion when I was performing a trick at the Palace Theatre in London, which consisted apparently of tearing a live duck into three parts, putting them into a basin, and turning them in a moment into three live ducks. Of course, I never thought for a moment that anyone would really believe that I actually did tear up a live duck, but to my surprise an officer representing the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called on me one evening, and informed me that his society intended to prosecute me unless I instantly stopped what he called my brutal and cruel performance of tearing a live duck to pieces.

"My dear sir," I replied, "I certainly shall not stop performing that trick until my audiences are tired of it—but don't you understand that it is a trick, or an illusion, and that I do not do anything so horribly cruel as to tear up a live duck, though I may appear to do so?" I offered to show the officer how the trick was done if he liked, but he took my word and went away, satisfied that my trick was not performed at the expense of the duck's feelings.—Strand.

CYCLONE CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

Dead so Far Reported Number About 12

MUCH PROPERTY LOSS

Fierce Storm Sweeps Southern Tennessee Line to Texas

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed—Six Reported Killed at Cullman, Ala.—Mining Town Also Struck.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 5.—Death for nearly a dozen persons and hundreds of dollars worth of property destroyed is the result of the tornadoes that swept South Tennessee line to the Texas panhandle.

The known deaths so far are at Stuttgart, Ark., two dead and one fatally injured, Surphur Springs, Texas, one dead, Rolling Fork, Miss., four killed at Booth, Miss., six killed, Ennis and Waxahachie, Texas, and Roscoe, La., many houses demolished. Arkansas and upper Louisiana rice fields are damaged.

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 5.—Reports received here tonight state that several persons were killed in a cyclone at Fullman, Ala., this afternoon.

Mayor Brier of Cullman wires that seven persons are known to have been killed in that county this afternoon this afternoon by the tornado but wire communication is cut off. At Kayos, a mining camp five houses were blown down and one man injured. Property loss north of Birmingham is heavy.

SMITH INTRODUCES A STRANGE BILL

PROVIDING FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE TO DRAW LOT FOR THE POSITIONS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—Most of the afternoon today was devoted by the Senate to an argument in which personalities were injected. These arose over the veto measures fixing the salary of superintendents in Sherman, Yamhill and Morrow counties and indefinitely postponing proportional representation bill. This was declared visionary and impracticable and it was stated to be a failure wherever experimented with. The bill was finally killed. In the house Smith introduced a bill providing that candidates for office shall draw lot for position on ballot. Senator Oliver has presented a bill for the establishment of an Oregon Technical College at Union carrying appropriation of \$60,000 for buildings. The Senate passed the bill requiring large deposit from all title guarantee companies.

TENTH JUROR PASSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—The tenth juror was temporarily passed today in the Calhoun trial and the acceptance of another was held in abeyance pending the decision by Judge Lawlor tomorrow.

GREAT LINE OUTLINED.

Canadian Northern Railway the Next Big Link of Commerce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Official details of the plans of the Canadian Northern road to extend its line from Edmonton to the Pacific Coast at Vancouver, are given out. The direction which will be taken by the new line is southwest and the distance as the crow flies is about 460 miles. The company will, however, have to build nearly 750 miles of road.

The Canadian Northern will make the third transcontinental Railway in Canada, and its construction westward is expected to give a great impetus to the development of the Northwest, and especially to the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The extension will tap some of the richest mineral and agricultural fields in that territory.

The survey takes the road through British Columbia by way of Yellow Head Pass, down North Thompson river to a junction with the Fraser river to a junction with the Fraser river, thence to New Westminster and onto Vancouver. The Canadian Northern will be the only transcontinental line which will have to cross but one mountain range. The highest elevation reached will be about 3700 feet. All other transcontinental lines have three ranges to cross, and the elevations reached run as high as 8000 feet.

Owing to the easy pass which the Canadian Northern has to negotiate, the operating problem will be a comparatively easy one. The company will also have the benefit of cheap coal, extensive fields having been purchased in British Columbia. Recently the road has secured cheap fuel at the eastern end by getting an entrance into Duluth. This was accomplished by the purchase of the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg road. This purchase also makes the Canadian Northern a shorter route to Vancouver than the American routes to Seattle. The company has, it is stated, made satisfactory arrangements with the Dominion government and with the provincial governments for a bond aid. In all the Canadian Northern expects to build 2400 miles of road this year.

A TRICK THAT PUZZLED ROYALTY.

I remember Queen Alexandra was greatly mystified by some of the tricks which I have had the honor of performing before her Majesty on various occasions. When I was giving a performance at which both the King and Queen were present, much interest was aroused by a trick which is one of the most difficult feats in my repertoire. It is performed with a piece of ribbon, a pack of cards, and a double cased gold watch. Here is the trick. I ask one of the audience to select a card from the pack (which is a new one) and to put the card in his pocket without looking at it. I should add here that while the card is being chosen my eyes are bandaged. Then I give him one end of the ribbon to mold and hand the other to somebody in the audience, whom I also ask to hold the gold watch. I ask the person in whose pocket is the unknown card to concentrate all his attention on the card, and then I turn to the person holding the other end but not alarmingly so. On the next morning (Sunday) he told Lord Carnarvon. In the evening Lord Carnarvon handed him two telegrams. The Prince at once said, "My father is dead." It was so.

He had had an apoplectic seizure on the previous Saturday evening at about nine, and never recovered. He had often said he would try and appear to his son at death if they were apart. Prince Duleep Singh is not subjected to hallucinations, and had only one similar experience—as a schoolboy.

Lord Carnarvon confirms the account. The Maharajah died on Sunday, October 22nd, 1893.—Strand.

CHEAPER BREAKFASTS?

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Cheaper breakfasts are possible through the removal of duties on tea and coffee, according to the report of the Tea and Coffee Association of Chicago.

HEAR EVIDENCE IN CASE OF CAPTAIN EDWARD F. QUALTROUGH

A GENEROUS ACT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Some one who is public spirited, but who withholds his name, has purchased the Tishot collection of pictures, illustrating the Old Testament and will place them where art lovers will have a chance to view them. The pictures have been on exhibition at the Fifth Avenue Art Gallery and when offered for sale at an upset price of \$40,000, there were no bidders. When no offers were made last evening the auctioneers announced the sale to the unknown philanthropist.

NO FURTHER ACTION ON OPTION BILL

THE HOUSE GOES CAREFULLY OVER EVERY SECTION OF THE MEASURE.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 5.—The House adjourned today until Monday with the Marster's or anti-saloon league local option bill still under consideration. The House has now gone over every section of bill except the title and though filibustering continued throughout the day by opponents of the bill, supporters of the measures succeeded in killing off every material amendment proposed. By the speaker's ruling today, the session was held last night was voided because of participation in viva voce voting by spectators.

INDIAN WINS MARATHON FROM ENGLISHMAN

ALFRED SHRUBB IN LEAD COLLAPSES IN THE 25TH MILE.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Feb. 5.—Maintaining the even swinging stride that rarely varied throughout the race Tom Longboat wrested the laurels of indoor Marathon race tonight when the victory seemed almost within the grasp of the plucky English, Alfred Shrubbs, who collapsed in the 25th mile leaving the Indian to finish the race of 26 miles and 35 yards alone. Longboat's time was 2 hours 53 minutes 40 and 2-5ths seconds which is nearly eight minutes behind the record made by Dorando, the Italian, in his race with Hayes, the Olympic Marathon winner. The Indian finished in fine condition and was in no wise distressed.

CLEMENS WANTED IN FIVE COUNTIES

On Charges of Crooked Stock Deals and Securing Money Under False Pretenses

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 5.—Sheriff Carter of Whitman county today surrendered W. R. Clemens of Moscow, Idaho, who is under arrest here in connection with the sale of stock for M. C. Gray of Pullman, to Sheriff Haviland of Walla Walla county today. Clemens is wanted by prosecutors of five Washington counties on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with various stock deals. Counties in which his presence is desired at Whit-

For Intoxication at Tangier During Fleet Visit

MAY BE DISMISSED

Rumor is Afloat That Master of Battleship Georgia is Forever Disgraced

HAS SYMPATHY OF OFFICERS

Findings Not Yet Made Public at Gibraltar But it is Feared Decision Will be Rendered Against the Captain.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 5.—The findings of the courtmartial that heard the evidence against Captain Edward F. Qualtrough of the battleship Georgia on the charge of intoxication were approved by Rear Admiral Sperry and forwarded to Washington. The findings were not made public here but it is stated with certainty that Qualtrough will not be acquitted. It is believed on the contrary that the findings are of so grave a nature that he will not be restored to duty. Rumor is abroad in the fleet tonight that should the findings be approved by the navy department at Washington, Qualtrough will be disgraced and possibly dismissed from service. The officers of the fleet have much sympathy for him.

PASS APPROPRIATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The Senate today passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill carrying an aggregate of about \$11,500,000. Conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was agreed to. It appropriates a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to enable the secretary of agriculture to combat foot and mouth the disease in cattle.

SERVICE IS BETTER.

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Feb. 5.—Delayed trains on the line between Portland and San Francisco began moving. Slide at Gibson has been cleared away and the route is now open.

MURDERER PAYS PENALTY.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—Walter Johnson, the murderer of Elmer Perdue, paid the penalty of his crime today with his life at the penitentiary.

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man, Columbia, Spokane, Walla Walla and Columbia. Clemens gave \$1500 to appear in the superior court in Colfax on March 10. This bond has been garnished by several Whitman county stockmen. J. A. Wood of Walla Walla who filed information against Clemens sold \$6000 worth of pure bred Hereford cattle which were brought to Washington from Missouri by Wood. Developments in the case promise to be decidedly sensational.