

# HABEAS CORPUS SAVES PUBLISHER FROM JAIL TERM

## Colonel Nelson of Kansas City Star, Adjudged in Contempt, Sentenced to Serve One Day in Jail.

(By the International News Service.)  
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 7.—An appeal to the court of appeals on a habeas corpus writ is the only thing that kept William B. Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star, multi-millionaire, long a powerful political factor in Missouri and Kansas and staunch supporter of Theodore Roosevelt in the last election, out of jail tonight. Nelson was today found guilty of contempt of court and sentenced to one day in jail by Judge J. A. Guthrie of the circuit court, for publishing an article in his newspaper last Friday which Judge Guthrie decided was a "sneer at the courts, at the judges and at legal procedure." He also held that it was "Contemptuous" and an "open insult."  
The habeas writ was issued by Judge Johnson of the appellate court and is returnable next Wednesday.  
Nelson's defense was thrown out at today's hearing. The article in question first told about an incident in Judge Guthrie's court during a divorce trial and then about another case in which "The Judge" had asked advice of an interested lawyer and entered his decision accordingly. This incident, however, did not happen in Judge Guthrie's court and Nelson contended that the words "The Judge" did not refer to Guthrie who was the only judge previously mentioned in the article.  
The lawyers for the defense tried to show that this occurred in Judge Lucas' court but this evidence was also ruled out.

# SENATE APPROVES SIX YEAR TERM BY VOTE OF 47 TO 23

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The amendment became operative. The friends of the proposition believe all this will have been complied with before the expiration of the term of President Wilson. There has been little discussion in the states and nothing like an accurate estimate of public opinion may be based.  
**Attitude of House in Doubt.**  
Just how the next house will receive this proposed change in legislation cannot be foretold. The vote shows that it has been treated as a political question by senators. Some of the most influential Republican senators avoided it and in all probability the feeling in the senate that the time has come when some limitation must be put on possible ambitions of men will move the house to adopt the resolution.  
Today as on yesterday the senate rejected every proposition looking toward a change in the wording of the amendment as reported from the committee. Senator Hitchcock's amendment which was intended to exempt Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson from the operations of the amendment was rejected by a vote of 42 to 27.  
Senator Cummins, excepting only Washington, declared that the services of every president would have been better for the country had he had only one term.  
"I believe a president would do his duty more efficiently if no interference can effect him," he said. "I believe the anti-trust law will be more thoroughly administered, more energetically applied to all persons alike if the president is made free from the interference of the interests."  
"And I believe," replied Senator Borah to this contention, "that a single term would still give these big interests an opportunity to exert their influence while the influence of the people would be removed."  
**Borah Voices Disapproval.**  
Fighting the resolution, as did almost every Republican progressive, Senator Borah declared that with the chance of reelection before a president, "The subtle and insidious influence of corporations and interests would be counterbalanced by the influence of the public demand that the law be enforced and violators prosecuted, regardless of their position of importance."  
"When you take away that influence," said Senator Borah, "you leave the president to deal alone with the insidious pressure brought to bear upon him."  
Senator Cummins found many reasons for taking the president out of the maelstrom of politics and combated the ar-

# Saturday in Congress

(By the International News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—What congress did today:  
**Senate—**  
The Works constitutional amendment providing a single term of six years for presidents was passed, 47 to 23. House must pass amendment by two-thirds vote and it must then be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures before becoming a law.  
District of Columbia appropriation bill debated.  
Senate resolution authorizing formalities of counting electoral vote in upper house chamber February 12, adopted.  
Rucker, of Missouri, and Young of Michigan, appointed tellers for the house.  
Akin of New York introduced a resolution attacking the weather bureau and the department of agriculture for alleged extravagance and charging that various government departments have juggled civil service laws. The resolution provides that every member of congress be requested to send a copy to each constituent in order to sound out the sentiment of the country.  
Cooper of Wisconsin introduced a bill to construct a \$23,000,000 bridge across the Potomac as memorial to General U. S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.  
**Committee—**  
House Judiciary committee reported favorably workmen's compensation bill, which passed the senate. Amendment added by committee provides that express companies, as well as railroads, shall be liable for injuries to employees. Another amendment provides that state courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with federal courts in the handling of damage suits, providing the respective states enact laws in conformity with federal workmen's compensation law. Ways and means committee concluded tariff hearings. Committee next week will begin to frame a tariff bill. It has not been determined whether house Democrats will undertake a schedule revision or a market revision.  
Clapp campaign funds investigation committee, after an executive session, announced that inquiry into presidential campaign contributions in 1912 campaign will be begun as soon as a witness now being sought is located.  
Arguments of the opponents of the resolution vigorously.  
"Our presidents ought not to travel from one end of the country to the other, appealing to the people after the fashion of candidates for office," said Mr. Cummins. He said that the duties of the office were of such vast importance to the country that all his time, barring only his annual vacation, ought to be spent in the public service, giving all his attention and devotion.  
The latter part of the debate was participated in at length by John Sharp Williams, who criticized the policy of former President Roosevelt and expressed little surprise that the followers of Roosevelt would protest at any change in the organic law that would limit the opportunities of Mr. Roosevelt for reelection to the presidency. Roosevelt and Alexander Hamilton, he declared, were alike. Roosevelt wanted to abolish the constitution through the votes of the people based upon his own popularity. Hamilton believed in the divine right of certain classes to rule and would have nullified the constitution whenever it interfered with those rights that he and those who thought as he did believed they possessed. Senator Williams drew from Senator Foraker a sharp defense of Colonel Roosevelt and the political principles of the new Progressive party.  
**Vote on Roll Call.**  
The final roll call resulted in the following vote. Senators in the negative were:  
Republicans—Bourne, Bradley, Curtis, Gallinger, Jackson, Jones, Lippitt, Lodge, McLean, Oliver, Page, Richardson, Sanders, Stephenson, Townsend and Borah.  
Republican-Progressives—Bristow, Clapp, Dixon, Kenyon, LaFollette and Poindexter.  
Democrats—Shively.  
Senators voting in the affirmative:  
Republicans—Brandege, Brown, Burnham, Burton, Calderon, Clark, of Wyoming, Dillingham, Dupont, Gamble, Guggenheim, McCumber, Nelson, Penrose, Percy, Perkins, Sutherland, Smoot, Wetmore and Work.  
Republican-Progressives—Cummins.  
Democrats—Ashurst, Bankhead, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Clarke, of Arkansas, Fletcher, Gardner, Hitchcock, Johnson of Maine, Johnston of Alabama, Kavanaugh, Kern, Newlands, Overman, Owens, Paynter, Perky, Pomereoy, Stimmom, Smith of Arizona, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Georgia, Swanson, Thomas.

# FEAR OF SCANDAL LED SUGAR TRUST TO PAY \$500,000

(By the International News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The American Sugar Refining company paid the government \$500,000 more than necessary, that it might avoid a conflict with the government and a repetition of the publicity attendant on the weighing fraud scandal. This was the testimony of James P. Gerry, a former employe of the customs department today before the ways and means committee.  
The government, explained Gerry, followed its suite against the sugar trust for false weighing with a demand for \$750,000 under the drawback provisions of the tariff law. Exact computation of these drawback duties, due because of the underweight frauds, placed the American Sugar Refining company in

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An effort was made by the strikers to get a conference today with the officials of the company. This was refused. General Manager Jewett of the American Steel and Wire company, said:  
"We are standing pat. There won't be any recognition of the union. The mills will be open Monday morning and we will take back any men who apply as individuals. But we won't discuss wage scales or other conditions. If the men want to work for us they can have their jobs. If they want to follow the labor agitators they can do that. We'll run the mills, no matter what course the strikers take."

# PORTLAND'S "RINGLING" ARRESTED IN DENVER

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Denver, Colo., Feb. 7.—Arrested in Portland, Or., after having endeavored to secure a large sum of money from a banker in that city while posing as "John E. Ringling," of the Ringling Bros., circus, John Hudson, charged with passing a bogus check for \$700 on the Colorado National bank here, pleaded not guilty today. His trial was set for March 20.

# Chinese Recognition Recommended

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 7.—The assembly today went on record as unanimously favoring the recognition of the Chinese republic in a memorial to be transmitted to congress. Cannelotti introduced the joint resolution in the senate.

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