

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Friday, December 11.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate yesterday received the report of the comptroller of the currency. Senator Lodge announced that he would discuss the Brownsville case next Wednesday. An adjournment was taken until Monday, when the postal savings bank bill will be discussed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The first action taken by the house of representatives today was the adoption of the resolution introduced by Representative Perkins of New York providing for the appointment of a committee of five to consider what action should be taken by the house with reference to that part of the president's message which intimates that members of congress may need watching by the secret service.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which usually excites considerable discussion, lasting for several days, was passed with little debate and practically in the shape it came from the committee. An unusual feature was that no member asked for time to indulge in general talk. The facility with which the bill of 165 pages was put through was the subject of much comment, and the members of the appropriations committee congratulated themselves. The bill carries an appropriation of \$31,335,350.

Representative Hawley of Oregon today introduced a bill extending the operation of the pension laws in favor of the officers and soldiers of the Bannock Indian war in Oregon and Washington in 1878 and 1879.

Thursday, December 10.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Congress, which feels that it has been insulted and outraged by President Roosevelt, is preparing to vindicate its honor by censuring the president or saying in his annual message that the members voted to prevent the usual detail of secret service men because they dreaded anything like investigation of themselves. Both branches of congress are up in arms, and the leaders are having difficulty in restraining the angry hotheads from making some petulant break.

Senators propose that by resolution the objectionable statement of the president shall be expunged from the record. This would be an extraordinary proceeding, but senators think it is justified by the character of the imputation carried by the president's words. There may be some discussion of the resolution, and in that case it is expected the president will come in for a sound rhetorical castigation.

In the house it is proposed to have a special committee appointed by the speaker to consider the alleged affront offered by the president and to prepare a suitable resolution covering the case. Of this committee it is understood that Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, will be the chairman, and this is fitting, because it was Mr. Tawney who put through the offensive provision in the session which restricted the president's freedom of control of secret service officers and brought forth the so-called insult to congress.

Wednesday, December 9.

Washington, Dec. 9.—For nearly five hours the house today considered the bill providing for the taking of the 13th and subsequent decennial censuses and passed it without material change. From the very outset it became evident that progress toward passage would be impeded by numerous amendments and arguments.

Prolonged and heated discussion was precipitated by an amendment by Gillett, of Massachusetts, who sought to have the temporary census force authorized by the bill, with the exception of a few minor positions, appointed upon the basis of competitive instead of non-competitive examinations.

Representative Englebright of California has introduced in the house a bill appropriating \$1,037,400 for the improvement of the entrance to Humboldt harbor at Eureka, Cal.

Representative Smith of California has introduced a bill to appropriate \$259,250 for the improvement of the harbor of San Diego.

A bill providing for the establishment of a tariff commission of seven members to fix the rate of duty on all imports was introduced in the house today by Representative Fowler of New Jersey.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Carter today introduced a bill to create the office of mine inspector for Alaska. He says reports are that the slaughter of miners has become so heavy as to need federal regulation.

Senator Cullom has introduced a bill providing for compulsory military service by all able-bodied American citizens. The bill was prepared by the general staff of the army and strongly urged in a special message by the president. Under the proposed law, the president said, it would be as easy to raise an army of 2,000,000 men as it would be now to get 50,000 into the field.

The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Vice governor of the Philippines, W. Cameron Forbes of Massachusetts.

Members of the Philippine commission, Newton Gilbert of Indiana and Rafael Palma of the Philippines.

Soils Are to Be Tested.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Professor Milton Whitney, chief of the bureau of soils, reported yesterday that the farming lands of the United States aggregate 838,591,774 acres, and that the yield per acre of all cereal crops has increased. The bureau of soils intends to make an investigation of the soil of the semi-arid belt of the Northwest, with a view to ascertaining the nature of the soil, what it is adapted to, and how it can be best improved.

Tuesday, December 8.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress today heard the last annual message of President Roosevelt, but paid little attention to the reading, which most of them followed merely by reading the printed copies.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Bills have been introduced in the house of representatives providing separate statehood for the territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the following nominations for confirmation: Luke Wright, secretary of war; Truman H. Newberry, secretary of the navy; Herbert L. Satterlee, assistant secretary of the navy; Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration; Rufus H. Thayer, judge of the United States district court of China; Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general.

The president also sent to the senate several hundred nominations of postmasters and other officials who have been appointed during the congressional recess, and whose names have already been announced.

Among the postmasters named today are the following: John C. Young, Portland; L. B. Rutherford, Rainier; J. E. Logan, Burns; Ben Weathers, Enterprise; George F. Russell, Seattle.

GREAT JUNK SHOP.

Government Has 8,784 Packages in Dead Letter Office.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The dead letter office of the postoffice department is preparing for the annual sale of dead letter packages, which will be held at a local auction house beginning December 14 and lasting until the whole of the 8784 packages advertised in the annual catalogue are disposed of.

There are a larger number of packages advertised for sale this year than ever before, and night sessions are to be held in order to dispose of the stuff before Christmas.

There are 7162 packages in the "miscellaneous" schedule of the catalogue, which was issued today. These packages represent articles from every walk of life. Every imaginable article from aprons, bicycle pumps, clothing, dresses, fans, girls' hats, hardware, knives and phonograph records, to saws, razors, hypodermic syringes, neckties, typewriters and watches, is contained in these packages.

One package contains shirt waists, scissors, a metal tray, a magic lantern and some collars.

Another contains some damaged barber shears, a cheap watch, some damaged razors, playing cards and dice.

One prize package contains 1000 stogies, and it is stated that Uncle Joe Cannon will be offered the first chance at this.

The automobilist is more in evidence this year than ever before. Several score packages are made up of spark plugs, automobile watches and patent tire inflators.

There are 492 articles of jewelry. Everything from silver snuff boxes and cigarette cases to gold rosaries is represented.

There are 1130 packages of books, and these represent about 15,000 volumes, written in every tongue of the earth. The Holy Bible and "Three Weeks" appear together, and books of "How to Make Money Easily" are grouped with Roosevelt's books and Elbert Hubbard's works. Some of president's books on animals are listed alongside of Jack London and Ernest Thompson Seton's stories, which were characterized by Roosevelt as "nature fakers."

Chinese, Choctaw, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Prussian, Slavonic, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Welsh are some of the foreign tongues represented in the book catalogue.

Last year's sale netted the postoffice department about \$10,000, and it is thought more will be realized this year. Everything sold is bunched together and wrapped up, and although all the articles are described in the catalogue, as many "lemons" as "prize packages" are drawn by the bidders who attend the sales. A "gentleman's watch" may mean an Elgin or a Waterbury.

Capps Reports on Navy.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Rear Admiral Capps in a report today to the construction bureau recommends that the naval station at Pearl harbor, Hawaii, be developed along the lines of a repair yard; that no attempt be made by the navy department to have it made into a shipbuilding yard. The admiral also complains in the report of the inadequate berthing spaces for ships undergoing repairs at the Puget sound and Mare island navy yards.

Willey Resigns Judgeship.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The resignation of Laebhus R. Willey of Missouri, judge of the United States district court for China, has been accepted by President Roosevelt. The present has appointed Judge Rufus H. Thayer of this city as Willey's successor.

Buys Panama Transports.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary of War Wright today concluded the purchase of the ships Shawmut and Tremont, belonging to the Boston Towboat & Transportation company. The vessels are now at Seattle, and will be used as transports in the Panama canal service.

Neill to Be Reappointed.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt has informed Labor Commissioner Neill that he will reappoint him.

ABANDON FAMOUS HOTEL.

Directors Will Close Chicago Auditorium Soon.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Plans for abandoning the great Auditorium hotel have been decided upon by the board of directors of the Congress Hotel company, operating the Auditorium and the Annex. All the business of the two big hotels on Michigan boulevard is to be concentrated in the Annex, which recently was enlarged to double its former capacity.

President Southgate asserted that the Auditorium hotel had been losing money for years. He asserted that it did not pay 1 per cent on the money invested, and that it was poor property compared with the new Annex, which, he asserted, was paying its stockholders \$250,000 a year.

From the earnings account for the year shown at the Chicago Auditorium association stockholders' meeting, it is seen that the hotel paid last year in rentals \$153,701. The theater paid \$67,000 and office building \$64,780, while interest and dividends brought in \$9,015 more, making a total of \$295,077.57. The cost of the building amounted to \$262,103, leaving a net income for the year of \$32,974, from which was deducted \$17,168 as depreciation on equipment.

WORST ACCIDENT ON CANAL.

Thought Other Bodies May Still Be Buried Under Debris.

Colon, Dec. 15.—The explosion yesterday at Bas Obispo was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama canal since the United States took control. A thorough investigation has been ordered, and already officials are taking evidence and endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the premature discharge.

Thirteen bodies have been recovered, but it is believed that a score or more are still under the masses of rock and earth that were thrown up. The death list would have been appalling had a train conveying 500 laborers passed a few minutes later. This train had just passed through the cut, and was barely out of view when the explosion occurred.

For a space of 800 feet in length and 400 feet in width the Bas Obispo cut presents a graphic picture of the terrible effects of the explosion. The whole hillside has been devastated, the dynamite rending the earth and tossing boulders in all directions.

A 90-ton steam shovel lies a wreck, crushed under the weight of falling rock. Every one of the crew was killed. All the tracks in this section were torn to pieces and are now covered with tons of debris.

A long time will be necessary to take away the great heaps of earth.

REOPEN SAND ISLAND CASE.

Washington Legislators Will Confer With Governor Mead.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—State Senator Stewart of Cowitz county, and Senator McGowan, of Pacific county, and Representative Burke, of Wahkiakum county, passed through Tacoma today on their way to Olympia to interview Governor Mead and Attorney-General Atkinson relative to a reopening of the Washington-Oregon boundary line case recently decided by the United States supreme court.

It is contended that the decision takes away from the State of Washington Sand island and Puget island, territory that always belonged to this state. Revenues to the state have been seriously reduced, it is maintained, and the fishing interests of the state have been greatly affected.

It is believed by those interested that if Governor Mead and Attorney-General Atkinson will intervene on behalf of the state the supreme court of the United States may be induced to give this state a rehearing upon new evidence that will be submitted.

Dead Men Tests Illegal.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Prison officials in this state will not lend themselves to any experiment seeking to revive a man executed in the electric chair, such as has been discussed in New Jersey. Superintendent C. V. Collins said today that he would consider such an experiment illegal, and permission would have to be secured from the legislature before he would consent to revive a man after he had been electrocuted in order to prove the theory that the electric current does not kill, and that it is the physician's autopsy knife that really causes death.

After Cattle Rustlers.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 14.—Captain W. L. Cox, superintendent of the naval state police, with a picked squad of men, working in harmony with Sheriff Emerson, of Lassen county, California, left yesterday for Pyramid lake on an expedition to drive out and arrest if possible the cattle rustlers who have been making depredations in that region recently. The rustlers have been stealing horses and cattle in Northern Nevada and California, and it is expected will make a fight to resist capture if overtaken.

Indian Editors Arrested.

Calcutta, Dec. 15.—Great excitement prevails here, owing to developments in the agitation against the government. The most prominent Bengali leader in Eastern Bengal, Dutta, was arrested Saturday and conveyed to an unknown destination. Another prominent nationalist leader, Mitra, editor of the Sanjibani, has been arrested at Calcutta, while the editor of another native paper has been sentenced to transportation on the charge of sedition.

Japan Starts New Line.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—At a dinner given today to the new Japanese minister to Chile, it was announced that the Toy Ysin Steamship company will start a new line of steamers between Japan and South America, commencing January 1, with three steamers on a regular schedule.

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