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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Special Session Is Called for April 7

Washington.—The extra session of congress called by President Wilson to assemble April 7, will begin with nothing but the tariff revision bills before it. This fact was made clear in a statement by Representative Underwood, chairman of the house committee on ways and means. Until the legislation is well under way in the house, no general committees will be made and no other legislative subjects will be taken up.

The president specified no subject for the extra session in his proclamation, but it is fully understood that his message to congress at its opening will dwell upon the need of tariff revision.

If the currency, Philippine independence, Alaskan affairs, woman suffrage or other pressing questions finally are forced upon the attention of congress, it will be only after the democratic leaders of the two houses and the president are convinced that the success of tariff revision is assured.

Tillman Loses His Hard Fight. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, lost his long, hard fight for the chairmanship of the powerful senate committee on appropriations. The Democratic committee lists accord the appropriations chairmanship to Senator Martin, of Virginia.

Radical changes in the method of controlling senate legislation and committees were approved by the Democratic managers and will be offered for adoption by the caucus. These recommendations are:

All committee chairmen shall be elected by the Democratic members of the committee. The practice has been for the steering committee to appoint all chairmen; a majority of the Democratic members of any committee may call a meeting of that committee at any time.

Members of "conference committees" shall be selected by the Democratic majority of the committee having charge of the legislation in question.

Few Big Positions Filled Before April. There will not be many appointments before April 1, it is now believed here. The president and his cabinet find it is safer to run along for a time with the old hands on deck than to change them all for men quite new to their duties.

Then there is a great deal of embarrassment over making selections from among the vast number of applicants. Almost any state in the union could furnish a full quota of officials to run the government with ease and then have enough good men and true to keep things from going to smash at home. Indeed, many of the states are offering to do just about that.

LaFollette Makes White House Call. Senator LaFollette made his first call at the White House in more than three years. He was an invited guest and spent almost an hour with the president. He would make no statement as to the purpose of his visit, but it has been an open secret for days that he was invited to discuss legislative questions with the president.

The conference was merely preliminary to others to be held later. Other progressive senators will be asked to the white house from time to time, and the president hopes that many of them will find it consistent to line up with the Democrats in passing legislation.

Appropriations Exceed One Billion. Appropriations of the last session of congress, including the sundry civil bill and the Indian appropriation bill, which are to be put through at the coming extra session, aggregated \$1,088,647,960.

The annual statements given out by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, and by former Speaker Cannon, for the Republicans, agree on that total. Cannon adds, however, that in addition to that amount, contracts authorized for public works involve further expenditures of \$76,956,714.

National Capital Brevities. President Wilson appointed Governor Burke of North Dakota, treasurer of the United States.

Richard Olney, of Boston, to whom President Wilson offered the post of Ambassador to Great Britain, has declined.

Office seekers have pressed Attorney General McReynolds of the department of justice closed to all visitors at 4:30 p. m., senators and representatives included.

Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Jusserand exchanged ratifications of the convention approved by the senate a month ago extending for a term of five years the Franco-American special arbitration treaty of 1908.

Competitive examinations have been announced by the navy department for July 14, 1913, for the purpose of filling 14 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant. Examinations will be held in the following western cities: Denver, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Seattle.

WM. G. M'ADOO



William G. M'Adoo, New York tunnel builder, who is secretary of the treasury in Wilson's cabinet.

TURKS REFUSE PEACE TERMS

The Outlook For Balkan Peace Is Gloomy.

London.—There is no prospect for acceptance by Turkey of the peace terms as proposed by the allies. Dispatches from Constantinople say the leading members of the committee of union and progress have decided that the conditions cannot be accepted, and it is understood that the council of ministers has adopted the same view.

All other capitals and among the ambassadors in London the allies' demands are considered extravagant, especially with regard to the payment of indemnity and the cession of Scutari and the Aegean Islands.

With the improvement in weather conditions, the armies in the near east have become more active, although thus far no news of a pitched battle of any importance has come through.

MUD THROWN AT LONDON WOMEN

London.—The suffragettes who again attempted to hold a Sunday afternoon meeting in Hyde Park were mobbed by a crowd of 10,000 persons. They were pelted with clods, oranges and other missiles, and when the police were escorting them from the scene the rioters tore off the hats and cloaks of the women, and even struck some of them in the face.

The trouble began when "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond mounted a wagon and started to speak to the great assemblage, which was largely made up of youths who had armed themselves with ammunition of various descriptions or with trumpets, mouth organs and bells.

For half an hour the crowds shouted, sang and pelted the suffragette commander-in-chief, whose clothes soon were a mass of mud. At last Mrs. Drummond's speech, of which not a word was audible, came to an end and a younger woman took her place. She fared no better, and the police, realizing the danger the women were in, called upon the chairman to close the meeting.

Boston Waistworkers Win Strike

Boston.—The strike of 6000 shirt-waist, waist and dressmakers, who make up one of the three principal divisions of the garment workers in this city, was settled by an agreement on which the strikers received most of their claims.

12 STATES JOIN CRUSADE

O'Hara, of Illinois, Tolls of Aid Promised in Anti-Vice Movement Springfield, Ill.—Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara, chairman of the senate committee investigating the "white slave" evil in Illinois, announced he had received letters from governors of 12 states offering to cooperate with him to suppress the traffic in women and kindred evils.

The governors from the following states have responded: New York, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia, South Dakota, South Carolina, Mississippi, Michigan, Kentucky, Georgia, Wyoming and West Virginia.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 90c; red Russian, 85c. Hay—Timothy, \$15; alfalfa, \$11.50. Butter—Creamery, 37c. Eggs—Candled, 18c. Hops—1912 crop, 17c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 20c.

Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, 90c; club, 86c; her Russian, 84 1/2c. Eggs—17c. Butter—Creamery, 35c. Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Owyhee Ranchers in Shooting Affair.

Vale.—L. R. Culp is in the hospital and he and Henry McNea are under arrest as the result of a shooting which took place on the Owyhee, about ten miles southeast of Vale. Both have been bound over to the grand jury.

Culp fenced a road passing through the Huffman ranch, on which he resided, and when McNea, accompanied by his nephews and C. M. Barton, drove up with their wagons, they were forbidden by Culp to pass through the ranch. Culp notified the men that they must go around, and that they would shoot the man who attempted to cut the wire. Barton cut the wire, whereupon Culp fired upon him, sending a bullet dangerously close to his head. McNea, springing from his wagon, returned the fire. After firing several shots, Culp fell, with a bullet wound through his left leg. McNea went to the house of a neighbor, notified him of the shooting and told him to go and see how badly Culp was injured.

P. E. & E. BRIDGE DEDICATED

Little Miss West Scatters Carnations From Pilot While Thousands Cheer. Salem.—With bluffs of whistles, shouts from thousands of throats and the blare of bands, the new Portland, Eugene & Eastern bridge that links the west and the east side of the Willamette valley together formally was dedicated to the commercial development of this section.

The little daughter of governor and Mrs. West, dressed in white, stood on the pilot of the engine. The event was being celebrated as marking an important step in the development of a weblike system of interurban lines being built in the Willamette valley by the Harriman interests. This bridge connects the Salem & Falls City branch with the new branch recently completed to Fir and Silverton.

Thousands of visitors were here participating in the festivities, and the city was in gala attire.

Umatilla Indian Goes East.

Pendleton.—Chief Sheeh-Mok-a-not, more commonly known as Chief No-Shir, of the Umatillas, left for Washington, D. C., to hold a council with the "White Father" regarding money due many of his tribesmen from the government, the delay occasioned in the matter not meeting with the chief's approval.

Unknown Man Kills Self.

Astoria.—A well-dressed, unidentified man committed suicide here by hanging himself in an outhouse at the city park. The body was discovered by three boys. The man apparently was about 35 years of age, smooth shaven, with brown hair and blue eyes. He wore a blue suit, with a small white stripe, derby hat and gold-rimmed eyeglasses. The suit carried the label of Kemp & Hebert, of Spokane.

STATE TAXES TO BE TREBLED

Fiddler for Recent Legislative Jig in Salem Comes High for Oregon. Salem.—Governor West checked up the total appropriations for the recent biennial period and gave out some interesting figures on taxation. The tax rate for next year will be nearly three and a half times as high as it is for this year.

The total appropriations, including standing appropriations for the two years, aggregate \$6,500,000. The standing appropriations are \$1,200,000 and the appropriations made by the recent legislature amount to \$5,300,000. The amount of funds to be raised this year according to the estimates of the tax commission is \$2,240,000 of which there is about \$520,000 in the treasury and about \$660,000 will be raised this year through licenses and other indirect sources, leaving \$1,120,000 to be raised this year by direct taxation.

Deducting the amount that will be raised this year, the governor points out that there will be \$4,410,000 left to be raised in 1914, which, after subtracting the \$600,000 that will be derived from indirect sources again, leaves \$3,810,000 to be raised by direct taxation in 1914. This sum is about three and two-fifths times the amount to be raised this year, and will increase the state tax rate to about four times next year.

Woman Asks to be Sent to Rockpile. Portland.—Mrs. Stanley Swalkoski, 302 Eugene street, pleaded with Judge Tawell of the municipal court to send her to the rockpile, instead of her husband, who was sentenced to serve 30 days for carrying a revolver. The woman continually begged to have her husband released in order to take care of their 8-year-old child.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS



Josephus Daniels, North Carolina newspaper man, who is secretary of the navy in Wilson's cabinet.

Brief News of the Week

The constitutional amendment providing for women's suffrage was killed by the Missouri senate.

The Nebraska house defeated the proposed constitutional amendment permitting women to vote.

The British naval estimates for 1913-1914 total \$381,546,500 as compared with \$255,377,000 last year.

The Missouri supreme court affirmed the constitutionality of the law prohibiting lotteries, policy games or betting.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature to prohibit the employment of children in the canneries of the state.

Japanese graduates of Harvard have subscribed to a fund of \$20,000 to be used by the corporation as a foundation upon which to establish lectureships on oriental philosophy.

Giving the officials of the company no warning, nearly 500 linemen and electrical workers employed by the British Columbia Telephone company throughout British Columbia went on strike.

Widespread storms of cyclonic intensity swept over the Middle West and the South late last week, cut their way through towns and cities of five states, snuffed out scores of lives, made hundreds homeless and destroyed property high in the millions.

Steps have been taken by the United States government authorities to put an end to the long war now raging in San Francisco's Chinatown and forever discouraging such attempts of Chinese secret societies to settle their differences by employing gunmen to assassinate members of rival gangs. Chinese found with deadly weapons in their possession will be deported.

Two state senators are laying claim to the office of governor of Arkansas, and each has established an office at the capital. After the resignation of Governor Robinson, Senator Oldham, then president of the senate, succeeded him. The senate elected Senator Fretrell president pro tem, to act as lieutenant governor. Fretrell demanded that Oldham retire. Oldham refused and Fretrell filed proceedings in court asking that body to mandamus the secretary of state to recognize him over Oldham.

People in the News

Henry F. Hollis, Democrat, was elected United States senator by the New Hampshire legislature.

Sarah Bernhardt, the noted French actress, sustained painful injuries in an automobile accident at Los Angeles.

Frank Johnson Goodnow, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed chief adviser to the Chinese government in the reform of the constitution.

Alexis Georgan, editor and publisher of a weekly Socialist newspaper, was convicted by a jury in the district court at Minneapolis of criminal libel. The complaint was made by Mayor Wallace G. Nye of Minneapolis.

Colonel Joseph F. Scott, superintendent of New York state prisons, was removed from office by Governor Sulzer. Charges of nonfeasance and neglect of duty against the superintendent were preferred by the governor.

Governor Hedges of Kansas made the principal address at a celebration in Lincoln, Neb., Wednesday at the birthday anniversary of Secretary of State Bryan. Secretary Bryan came from Washington to attend.

Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, has been made an Indian chief. He had bestowed upon him the title of "Lone Chief" by a delegation of Blackfoot Indians from Montana, who called to present him with a pipe of peace and buckskin tobacco bag.

Charged with being \$100,000 short in his accounts as assistant cashier of the Crocker National bank of San Francisco, Charles F. Baker, one of the most trusted employees of the institution, a self-made man and a pillar of an Oakland church, is reported near death.

WOMAN KILLED LEADING CHARGE

Bullet Fells Her While Heading Rebel Attack

Laredo, Texas.—Rebels, led by a woman waving a red flag, who shouted encouragement to her men as they charged on Nuevo Laredo, were defeated by a larger force of federal defenders. The woman was killed as she led the little band of Carranzistas in a final charge on the breastworks.

Defeated in their first attempt to capture Nuevo Laredo, the little band of Carranzistas, who surprised the federal garrison of the Mexican border town, encamped in the hills several miles to the south, evidently to await the arrival of reinforcements before attacking again.

The woman who was killed was identified as a relative of Carza Rivas, a rebel leader.

Twenty rebels and 15 federals are known to have been killed. About 40 wounded are being cared for at an improvised hospital by American physicians and with women from Laredo, who crossed the border immediately after firing ceased and volunteered their services, acting as nurses.

Woman Mayor Wins Fight

Topeka, Kan.—The supreme court issued an orderousting from office the three city councilmen of Hunnewell, Kan., against whom charges had been filed by Mrs. Ella Wilson, the woman mayor of the town. The court held the three councilmen have been and are guilty of willful misconduct in office and of persistent failure to perform the duties of their respective offices.

Hyde Jury Disagrees

Kansas City, Mo.—After having deliberated four days the jury in the case of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, on trial for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist, reported a disagreement and was discharged. The jury stood nine for acquittal, three for conviction.

\$250,000 BURGLARY IN NEW YORK

New York.—An East Side burglary perpetrated by clever crackmen some time Sunday netted the thieves the largest haul obtained in New York city in many years. Martin Simons & Sons, pawnbrokers in Hester street, were the victims and the property stolen includes \$200,000 worth of jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones, and \$50,000 worth of negotiable securities.

The thieves gained access to the pawnbrokers' richly stored vaults by means of a tunnel from an abutting building on a neighboring street. They made a clean getaway with their valuable loot.

The police found that the tunnel had been begun in the cellar of a house in Eldridge street, adjoining Simons' place. It was driven through the wall of the Eldridge street house and into a wood bin in the cellar of the Simons store. There, leading up into the pawnbroker's shop, is a flight of stairs which are wred for burglar alarm. The thieves avoided them and sawed away the overhead flooring at a spot directly in front of the treasure vault.

The vault, which stands 12 feet high and is built into the wall, was entered by chopping away the masonry.

Kohler is Found Guilty and Ousted

Cleveland, O.—The civil service commission announced that it had found Chief of Police Fred Kohler guilty of "gross immorality, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and conduct subversive to good order and discipline in the police department," and immediately discharged him from office.

RAILROADS CHANGE PLAN

Final Dissolution of Southern and Union Pacific Uncertain St. Louis.—The Union Pacific-Southern Pacific dissolution plan, which contemplated a preferential traffic agreement between the two Harriman roads for the use of the Benicia cutoff, from Oakland to Sacramento, Cal., was abandoned in the federal court here by the Harriman interests, and it now devolves on the railway attorneys and the Attorney-General to devise a new arrangement to carry into effect the dissolution decree of the federal supreme court.

Tong Wars in Three Coast Cities

Portland.—Two killed, one wounded, The dead, Lam Foon and Chung Ah Gong; wounded, Hing Man. Victims members of Bow Lung tong; assassinated, Hop Sing.

Seattle.—Three wounded. They are Chin On and Chin Yin, of Hop Sing tong and W. G. Yan, of Hip Sing tong. Bow Lung gunmen blamed. San Francisco.—Two killed, one wounded. Hop Sing tong shot and killed by members of Bow Lung tong.

A LEGAL CURIOSITY.

Poetic Title Deed That Stood the Test of the Courts.

A deed for the conveyance of a piece of land that is one of the greatest legal curiosities in the world was drawn up in 1881 by J. Henry Shaw, a lawyer at Beardstown, Ill. The curio complies with every requirement of law and has more than once been declared by the courts of that state to be entirely valid. It reads as follows:

I, J. Henry Shaw, the grantor herein, Who live at Beardstown, the county within, For seven hundred dollars to me paid today By Charles E. Wyman do sell and convey Lot two (2) in block forty (40), said county and town, Where Illinois river flows placidly down, And warrant the title forever and aye, Waiving a homestead and mansion to both a goodby, And, pledging this deed is valid in law, I stand here my signature, J. Henry Shaw, (Seal). Dated July 25, 1881.

I, Sylvester Emmons, who live at Beardstown, A Justice of peace of fame and renown, Of the County of Cass, in Illinois state, Do certify here that on the same date One J. Henry Shaw to me did make known That the above deed and name were his own, And he stated he sealed and delivered the same Voluntarily, freely and never would claim His homestead therein; but, left all alone, Turned his face to the street and his back to his home. (Seal). S. EMMONS, J. P. Dated August 1, 1881. —St. Louis Republic.

DO FLYING FISH FLY?

Science Thinks Not, but Many Observers Say They Do.

The much mooted question, "Do flying fish fly?" is discussed by William Allingham in the Nautical Magazine. The orthodox scientific opinion is that the "wings" of the flying fish merely serve as a parachute to sustain the fish for a brief period in the air after he has launched himself out of the water by a powerful screwlike movement of his tail. According to this view, the fish has no power of directing his flight after he has left the water.

However, Mr. Allingham, who is a nautical expert attached to the British meteorological office and is in constant intercourse with seamen, reports many observations that tend to controvert this opinion. Certain observers claim that the wing fins are in constant rapid vibration and seem actually to serve the purpose of flight. One vessel master watched a fish that had attained an altitude of twenty feet above the water and was flying toward the mizen rigging of his ship when, apparently noting obstruction, it changed its course about 90 degrees, crossing the vessel's stern to regain the water. Many other similar observations are mentioned.

A series of cinematograph pictures might solve this question once and for all.—Scientific American.

The Turk in Constantinople.

Terrible scenes were witnessed in Constantinople when Mohammed II. captured the city in 1453. When the conquerors entered they slew 2,000 and made slaves of all who took refuge in the sanctuary of St. Sophia. Gibbon records the fate of the 60,000 prisoners: "Male captives were bound with cords, the females with their veils and girdles. The senators were linked with their slaves, the prelates with the porters of the church and young men of a plebeian class with noble maids whose faces had been invisible to the sun and their nearest kindred, and in this common state of captivity the ranks of society were confounded, the ties of nature were cut asunder, and the inexorable soldier was careless of the father's groans, the tears of the mother and the lamentations of the children."

Purifying the Air in Rooms.

To purify the air of offices or sick rooms soak a few pieces of brown paper in a solution of saltpeter and allow them to dry. When desired for use lay a handful of flowers of lavender, which can be got at any drug store, on a tin pan with a few pieces of the paper and light. The aroma is refreshing and agreeable and drives away insects. If hot water is procurable a few drops of oil of lavender in a glass of very hot water is good. It purifies the air at once and effectually kills the room of flies and insects of all kinds.—Scientific American.

Motorist's Luck.

"Well, Bitthers, what luck did you have with your new car?" asked Jarroway. "More than I ever expected," said Bitthers. "Just three minutes after the darned thing blew up another car came along with a busted tire, and the owner bought my old tires for \$10 apiece."—Harper's Weekly.

No Help.

"I admit that the architecture of this house is something fierce," said the agent, "but just see how handy the place is—only a stone's throw from the station." "I see it is," said Tomkins wearily. "But I'm such a rotten shot it wouldn't be any satisfaction to me."—Harper's Weekly.

Bit of a Wag.

"I've bought a bulldog," said Parsniff to his friend Lessup, "and I want a motto to put over his kennel. Can you think of something?" "Why not use a dentist's sign, 'Teeth inserted here?'" suggested Lessup.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



Jacob wants a cracker. Dear Friend: I like racky crackers very much. The trouble with many crackers is they wont crack. You can get nice crisp crackers in this town if you know where to go. Then your mama can buy lots of things for the table and save herself the trouble of baking. My mama does. Isn't it cheaper to buy these things than to bake them? Your friend JACOB.

P. S. You can get all kinds of crackers, soda and sweet and oyster crackers and cookies and cake cookies of all kinds at

MELOY'S

Waiting For the Lightning. Curious information on the habits of the big trees of California is given in one of John Muir's books. "These big trees," he says, "seem to be immortal unless they are destroyed by accident. There is no absolute limit to the existence of any tree. Death is due to accident, not as that of animals, to the wearing out of organs. Only the leaves die of old age. Their fall is foretold in their structure. But the leaves are renewed every year, and so also are the essential organs—wood, roots, bark, buds. "Most of the Sierra trees die of disease, insects, fungi, etc., but nothing hurts the big tree," adds the distinguished naturalist. "I never saw one that was sick or showed the slightest sign of decay. Barring accidents, it seems to be immortal. It is a curious fact that all the very old sequoias had lost their heads by lightning strokes. "All things come to him who waits." But of all living things the sequoia is perhaps the only one able to wait long enough to make sure of being struck by lightning."

The KITCHEN CUPBOARD

WHEN SERVING HAM.

WHEN a whole ham is to be cooked scrub it, trim off the hard dark parts, cover with cold water and let it simmer slowly, allowing a half hour for each pound. When it is taken off the fire let it stay in the water until the liquid is nearly cold, then peel off the skin and sprinkle with sugar and cracker crumbs. Some suggestions for cooking ham, which is a favorite cold weather food, are given here.

Substantial Viands.

Ham With Cream Sauce.—Trim the ends off a slice of ham, put into a hot frying pan with one teaspoonful of drippings, put over a hot fire and keep turning the ham constantly. When nice and brown on both sides remove to a hot platter. Put a tablespoonful of flour into pan, mix well and add one cupful of cold milk. Stir and boil three minutes. Pour over the ham and then serve.

Broiled Ham.—Take ham sliced rather thick. Freshen it by soaking in cold water overnight or by parboiling it in water. Wipe dry, place between the bars of a grilliron and brown slightly on both sides. Season with pepper and serve very hot.

Baked Ham In Crust.—Take a ham and allow it to remain in water overnight. Wipe it dry, trim away any rusty places and cover with a simple crust, taking care that it is thick enough to keep the gravy in. Place in a moderately heated oven and bake for nearly four hours. Take off the crust, then cover with breadcrumbs and garnish the knuckle with a paper frill. Serve plain or with sauce.

Causapees of Ham.—Take three ounces of cooked lean ham, place in a mortar and pound it for several minutes until it is a smooth pulp, then add half an ounce of butter, two tablespoonfuls of Worcestershire sauce, half a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper and half a teaspoonful of French mustard. Pound the whole well together for five minutes more, then place the paste on a plate. Toast six slices of bread, two inches in diameter and a quarter of an inch thick. Spread the ham evenly on the six toasts and with the paste spread a nice brown shape. Anna Thompson.