

## HOUSE VOTES FOR ABOLITION RATE COURT

Congress by Vote of 120 to 49 Agrees to Eliminate Commerce Tribunal—Fifty Republicans Including Progressives, Support Democrats.

## Archbald Scandal Renews Feud With Interstate Commerce Commission—Impeachment Underway.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—By a vote of 420 to 49 the house today voted to abolish the commerce court. Forty republicans, including most of the progressive, supported the democratic majority.

The vote, which was taken in committee of the whole, is virtually final as far as the house is concerned. Another fight is possible, however, when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill comes up for final passage.

The regular republicans defended the commerce court and tried to prevent a vote on the resolution calling for abolition. The provision adopted cuts off salaries and appropriations after July 1 and transfers the court's work to the United States district courts.

Congressman Sims of Tennessee led the fight to abolish the court, characterizing it as a "court of special privilege," and one serving the railroads against the public. He said: "It is a court of a delay—a special court—and one antagonistic and obstructive, with too sweeping powers of injunction. It is folly to continue such a court and it is extravagant, it was organized to expedite cases before the interstate commerce commission, but it expedites only the objections of the railroads against the orders of the commission."

To examine the documents submitted by President Taft in the proceedings against Judge Archbald of the commerce court, the house judiciary committee, which is conducting the investigation, ordered a recess today. Hearings will be resumed tomorrow.

Edward Williams, of Scranton, Pa., who testified yesterday that Judge Archbald owned an interest in an option on a coal pile belonging to the Erie railroad, is virtually under arrest today, in custody of a sergeant-at-arms. The committee expects him to disclose other business deals he had with Judge Archbald.

It is expected that Judge Archbald will take the stand in his own defense. If the committee recommends impeachment, Archbald will be suspended from the commerce court and it is freely predicted that such an outcome would prove "another nail in the coffin of the commerce court."

## NEW BISHOPS FOR METHODISTS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 9.—From reliable but unofficial sources it was learned that the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here decided to retire Bishops Cranston, Warren, Moore, Smith and Neely and to create ten or twelve new bishops.

Methodist Episcopal residences probably will be established at Helena, Los Angeles, Pittsburg, Kansas City and Cleveland. The office of general secretary of the Epworth League and the editorship of the Epworth Herald will be combined. Dr. E. M. Randall of the Puget Sound conference is general secretary of the Epworth League.

## GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS FAILURE IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Man., May 9.—Premier Roblin announced last night that government elevators were a failure and that they would be sold to private concerns at the end of the present season in August. He declared the farmers demanded government elevators and then did not patronize them.

## MINTS GIVEN LEASE OF LIFE BY CONGRESS

Effort to Abolish San Francisco and Other Money Coining Institutions Fails by Vote of 92 to 61—Clark Votes to Keep Alive.

## Move Declared to Be Instituted for Benefit of Guggenheim and Smelter Trust.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—By a vote of 92 to 61 the house today refused to abolish coinage mints at San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson, Nev., and six assay offices. Speaker Clark voted to retain the mints. All party lines were abolished in the voting.

The proposition to abolish the mints was framed by the house committee on appropriations. The question of abolishing the mints arose during the consideration of the "budget" appropriation bill. Each member was limited to five minutes' debate.

In defense of the San Francisco mint, Congressman Raker said that the mint in that city cost the government \$3,500,000, but that its profits for last year alone were \$260,000. Congressman Humphrey of Washington declared that the Guggenheim interests would be the principal beneficiaries if the mints were abolished and Congressman Martin of South Dakota contended that the provisions of the bill would centralize gold bullion and money in Wall street.

Congressman Kahn of San Francisco said: "The San Francisco mint has been self supporting through coinage of money for the people of the coast, for foreign governments and the Philippines. It has really made money on these transactions."

The vote was then taken, and the house decided to give appropriations to the same amount as heretofore, thus assuring the continuation of three mints and the assay offices at Seattle, Helena, Boise, Salt Lake City, Deadwood and Charlotte, N. C.

## EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO DESTROYS ZAPOTLAN CITY

NEW YORK, May 9.—The New York News Bureau today prints a dispatch from Mexico City saying that 34 persons were killed and half the city of Zapotlan was destroyed in an earthquake last night. Sixteen are reported killed at Ciudad Guzman, and 13 injured. The dispatch says that 12 shocks were felt following an eruption of the Colima volcano, which threw out floods of lava and sand. Mexico City is in terror fearing another quake.

## BATTLE RAGES ON MEXICAN PLANTATION

MONTEREY, Mexico, May 9.—It is reported here today that laborers on the plantation of Charles Hamilton, an American, in the state of Oaxaca, revolted and attacked the federal troops quartered there. Twenty-four of the attackers, two rurales and one state soldier were killed and many were wounded in the battle, which lasted for two days.

## HEINZE LOSSES STOCKS HE HOCKED FOR LOAN

BOSTON, May 9.—By a ruling here today of F. Rockwood Hall as master F. Augustus Heize loses \$600,000 in copper stocks which he, M. M. Joyce of New York and other plaintiffs pledged with D. F. Adams and other Boston note brokers in 1908 as collateral for a loan of \$300,000 obtained by Heize and his associates.

## SAYS HARMON TRIED TO BRIBE BRYAN'S MEN

Bryan Asserts That Friends of Ohio Governor and Presidential Candidate Used Corruption to Win Away His Delegates at Denver Convention.

## Letter Written by DeVaney, Harmon's Campaign Manager is Made Public at Columbus.

DELPHOS, Ohio, May 9.—Reiterating his charges that Governor Harmon's friends tried to bribe his (Bryan's) delegates in 1908, William J. Bryan spoke here today in behalf of Woodrow Wilson. From Delphos he went to Van Wert, where at noon he delivered his forty-eighth speech since coming to Ohio.

Bryan started for his home in Nebraska this afternoon.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 9.—Supplementing William J. Bryan's charges that friends of Governor Judson Harmon in 1908 sought to bribe delegates to desert the Nebraskan, Harvey Garber of the democratic progressive league declared here today that the letter enclosing the offer to bribe was written by Michael DeVaney of Cincinnati, Harmon's campaign manager.

Harmon declared today that he had telegraphed Bryan asking him to publish the letter, a copy of which Bryan declared was in his possession. Later in the day Garber himself published the letter. It was dated Cincinnati, June 29, 1908, but the names of the persons who received it or the delegates referred to were not made public. Signed by DeVaney, the letter says he understands that the recipient is "in touch with two delegates" in a certain district and urges him to have his two delegates at Columbus July 2, saving their transportation to the Denver convention would be taken care of. The letter concludes:

"By this letter you will see that there is 'something doing' and whilst endorsements have been given in your district, I hope your two delegates will see their way clear to vote for Harmon on the first ballot at Denver."

## KNOX TALKS FOR TAFT'S RE-ELECTION

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Secretary of State P. C. Knox will deliver here tonight his first political speech since leaving Washington on his trip to Central America. He will advocate re-nomination by the republicans of William H. Taft for the presidency. The meeting will be the last big Taft rally of the primary campaign in Los Angeles. Former Senator Frank P. Flint will also speak.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 9.—The participation of some of the foremost golf experts of the South assures interesting and keen competition in the annual invitation tournament which opened today on the golf links of the Birmingham Country club.

## COUNCIL REVERSES ITSELF ON TWO AMENDMENTS

Boxing and Municipal Court Amendments Withdrawn—\$20,000 Bonds for New Bridge Asked—Election May 28.

That the sole desire of the city council in calling a city election to vote amendments to the city charter was to take a slap at the newspapers of the city and that the councilmen are not hesitating to play petty politics in order that the measure relating to city printing may carry at an election, was conclusively shown at a meeting of the city council Wednesday afternoon when an order was made rescinding the election called for May 14 and a new election

## THE FIRST PICTURE OF TITANIC WAIFS' MOTHER PROVES IDENTITY



LOUIS



MME. NAVRATIL WITH LOUIS AND LOLO.

## TITANIC WAIFS' MOTHER EN ROUTE TO CLAIM THEM

NEW YORK, May 9.—The two little French boys, Louis and Lolo Navratil, whose father went down with the Titanic, today have been turned over to the children's society by Miss Margaret Hays, who has cared for the boys since finding them on the rescue ship Carpathia. The boys' mother has been located in France and is coming to America to claim them.

## WAGE WAR ON CHINESE PIRATES

HONG KONG, May 9.—Hundreds of bodies are reported seen floating in the West river today, as a result, it is said, of a campaign recently inaugurated for the extermination of river pirates. Thousands of Chinese soldiers stationed to the north of Swatow, in the province of Kwang Tung, are returning to Canton, killing the pirates as they come. Men caught stealing even the most trifling sums are summarily shot.

Foreigners in South China expect a renewal of anarchy on account of the depleted condition of the treasury. Dr. Sun Yet Sen is retiring to Macao, a Portuguese dependency on the Canton river, to reside.

ANACONDA, Mont., May 9.—Anaconda is gaily decorated in the national colors in honor of the annual encampment of the G. A. R. department of Montana, which assembled here today for a three days' session.

## BRYAN DECLINES TO LEAD HOST AS REPUBLICAN

LINCOLN, Neb., May 9.—William J. Bryan announced today finally and positively that he will not be the compromise republican candidate for the presidency. Making his statement through the Commoner, the "Sage of Nebraska" says: "Bryan will not be the compromise candidate at the republican convention. True, he is more progressive than Taft and less dangerous than Roosevelt; it is probably true also that either the president or the ex-president would rather see him president than the other. But he feels under no political obligation to either of them, and is willing to let them fight out their differences even if it splits the republican party."

## NO PLEDGE GIVEN BY TAFT'S MEN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 9.—Examination of the original affidavits of candidates for delegates to the republican national convention from California in the office of the secretary of state today revealed the astounding fact that none of the Taft delegates has declared a preference for Taft as the party nominee, nor has any one of them agreed to accept the decision of the voters in the preference primary next Tuesday as to the presidential nominee in case of his election as a delegate.

Such preference and acceptance of the popular verdict had been formally made in the affidavits filed by the Roosevelt and La Follette delegates as well as those supporting Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark on the democratic ballot. Evidently the Taft committee has taken action which gives it, in case of the election of any part of its ticket, a purely trading delegation.

## BUSINESS IS GETTING BETTER SAYS J. M. SCOTT

That business conditions have improved wonderfully during the past months and that this summer will see a gradual but constantly increasing business awakening is the word brought to Medford by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon who is in Medford on a brief business trip. Mr. Scott is very much pleased at the increased business as shown in the railroad world, stating that it is a sure index to business throughout the nation.

"I am always pleased to visit Medford," states Mr. Scott, "for I always find here a great faith in the future of Oregon. Medford always makes a man feel better—it is a great tonic. I believe that business will constantly grow better during the summer and fall. This is indicated by the increasing amount of business done during the past month. Oregon will welcome several large excursions this summer and these always are a help as those who come on a visit are very likely to return to make their home with us."

## CLERK'S GRAFTED \$600 A MONTH

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific at Vancouver, B. C., with the aid of detectives employed by the company, has unearthed a graft participated in by ticket sellers, freight clerks and assistant pursers in Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, which netted them \$600 a month. Fourteen Canadian Pacific employees have been discharged and Brodie says he is not through with the investigation. The alleged method was for a freight clerk or assistant purser to stand at a steamship gangplank, taking tickets, some of which he would fall to punch, later returning them to the ticket clerk to be resold.

## RUN CAMPAIGN FROM CHICAGO

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Dixon and Representative McKinley, managers respectively of Colonel Roosevelt and President Taft, are making plans today for the transfer of their campaign headquarters to Chicago in time for the opening meeting of the national committee in Chicago, June 6. The last state to select delegates to the national convention is South Dakota, where primaries will be held June 4. Dixon and McKinley expect to take personal charge of the delegate contest fights, which must be decided by the national committee before the meeting of the convention June 18.

## NEW BREAKS RIVER LEVELS SWAMP CITIES

Gravity of Flood Situation Increases—Loss of Life Feared as Residents Ignored Warnings to Move Out—Motor Boats Used to Rescue.

## Cervasse at New Roads a Mile Wide—Vandals Reaping a Harvest by Looting Inundated Houses.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 9.—New breaks in the levees along the Mississippi river are increasing the gravity of the flood situation today. At Torras 1400 feet of embankment crumpled today making the crevasse there 3,000 feet wide. Two breaks at Moreauville and one at Long Bridge flooded two populous parishes. Loss of life is feared in these sections, as the residents ignored warnings to move out or take proper measures for protection.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 9.—With 1400 feet of the levee above here swept away and the crevasse expected soon to be a mile wide, New Roads today already partly inundated, is threatened with destruction by the flood waters from the Mississippi river. Vandals in skiffs are reaping a harvest, by looting inundated houses. Motorboats are being used to rescue refugees from upper stories and trees.

## MEXICANS STILL AWAITING BATTLE

EAGLE PASS, Texas, May 9.—Strongly entrenched in the two railroad towns of Murrin and Bermillo, near Torreon, Mexican federal troops today awaited the advance of the rebel force which was yesterday ordered by General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary army. Both sides realize that the battle may prove the deciding contest of the rebellion, and each is preparing for a determined conflict.

Should victory rest with the rebels, the federals planned to retire to Torreon to make another stand. Orozco will then move on Torreon, and renew the attack. The rebel general announced today that he was experiencing great difficulty in securing provisions for his men. He charges that the federals are poisoning the wells.

## KETCHEL'S MURDERER SPENDS LIFE IN PRISON

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 9.—Walter Dibley must spend his life in the penitentiary for the murder of Stanley Ketchel, former middleweight champion pugilist, while his companion, Goldie Smith, will go free, according to the decision of the Missouri supreme court today in affirming the sentence of life imprisonment on Dibley and reversing the conviction of the woman with an order for her release.

Dibley shot Ketchel, following a quarrel, on a farm near Springfield, Mo.

## BLUE BEARD BUSINESS ON WHOLESALE BASIS

VIENNA, May 9.—Frau Kapruccan of Lippa, Hungary, has been arrested for carrying on a wholesale bluebeard business. In addition to murdering four husbands on her own account, she used to assist other women to kill off their husbands when they became tired of them and her confession has led to the arrest of five other women who sought her aid to become widows. There was no monetary motive for these crimes.