

BURKE NAMED COLLECTOR FOR PORTLAND PORT

President Wilson Sends Name of Baker City Man, Friend of Lane's, For Custom House Job—Logan Gets Similar Place at Astoria.

Democrats to be Appointed in South to Replace Republicans, but Individual Merit to be Considered.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Thomas C. Burke to be collector of customs for the district of Portland, Ore.

The president also sent the senate the following nominations:

J. F. A. Strong, to be governor of Alaska.

William C. Logan to be collector of customs for the district of Astoria, Ore.

Charles E. Davidson to be surveyor general of Alaska.

Captain George Willetts, Captain Walter Worthington and Captain William Little, all to be rear admirals in the navy.

That he will appoint democrats in the south to replace the republicans there, but will consider individual merit only in making such appointments, was indicated today by President Wilson to many patronage hunters here. He insisted he would rush such appointments, however.

Congressman Bartlett of Georgia visited the president today and asked if only whites will be appointed to the federal posts in the south.

"Certainly," replied the president. "There are no negro democrats in the south."

CONGRESS TO PROBE BASEBALL CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Ty Cobb, greatest baseball star, who wants \$15,000 this season from the Detroit American League club, may get what he is after through an act of congress.

Congressman Hardwick of Georgia is today framing a resolution, requesting a congressional investigation of players' contracts in the American and National baseball leagues. Hardwick, prompted by Cobb, has a "hunch" that said contracts are in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. In just what particular they violate the law he does not say.

Hardwick is a great admirer of Cobb, who comes from Georgia. If President Navin of the Detroit club comes through with the \$15,000, it is unofficially hinted that the unscrubbing of the National and American Leagues will not be pressed.

SPECULATORS HURT ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, April 21.—Active stocks maintained their first prices throughout the session of the stock market here today. Beet sugar dropped nearly two points but fluctuations elsewhere were restricted.

Speculators were discouraged by the prospect of long litigation over the second Harriman unmerging plan. Foreign trading was slow. The market closed active and firm. Bonds were irregular.

10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR STEALING \$200,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 21.—Charles F. Baker, former assistant cashier of the Crocker National bank here, was sentenced today to 10 years imprisonment in San Quentin for embezzlement. Baker had pleaded guilty.

WILSON THINKS RECIPROCITY CAN BE WORKED OUT

President Pleased With Progress on Tariff Bill in Democratic Caucus—Expects Local Interests to Give Way to Party Platform Pledges.

Believes California Recognizes Gravity of Situation and Will Act Accordingly With Japanese Question.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—During his weekly audience with the newspaper correspondents here today, President Wilson was asked whether he intended to deal with scientists separately in considering their claims for federation positions. He replied that merely because a man was a scientist would not insure him a job, but that he must be a practical man of affairs.

The president believes that where scientists are needed the government should have the best, but also must have executives. He refused to discuss the removal of Professor Willis Moore as head of the government weather bureau.

President Wilson said that he had received no further advices from California, but said he believed Governor Johnson and the California legislature realized the gravity of the situation, and that they would see that there is no discrimination. The president is well pleased because Secretary of State Bryan's statement was so well received in Japan. President Wilson said the report that there was a hitch in the plan for recognizing the Chinese republic was false. China will be recognized, he said, as soon as the new republic provides a stable government.

The progress being made by the tariff bill in the house democratic caucus is pleasing to the president, and he is confident that it will not meet with any difficulty either in the house or senate. He intends to back up the sugar and wool provisions to the end, and expects the senators now objecting to them to recognize that the party is pledged to enact such laws. He does not sympathize with the view in some quarters that the reciprocity sections of the bill cannot be worked out.

COURT REBUKES STATE COMMISSION; RESTORES OLD RATE

SEATTLE, Wash., April 21.—The old minimum gas rate of twenty-five cents is restored in Seattle today, unless the supreme court should reverse the decision of Judge Albertson, who knocked out the fifty-cent rate, approved by the state public service commission.

In a lengthy opinion, Judge Albertson hands the state public service commission an emphatic rebuke as to its attitude on rate regulation. "It is the attitude of the commission," the judge said, "that it need not concern itself over any increase of an established rate, and is not called upon to demand any showing of the necessity or propriety thereof, unless somebody else hears about the application and protests with alacrity."

"It is clear to my mind that the statute should be appealed or radically amended."

SUFFRAGETTES BURN GREAT HAY STACK

LONDON, April 21.—Thinking that it belonged to the Right Honorable Edward Hobhouse, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, militant suffragettes burned a haystack near Corsham, Wiltshire, today. The stack belonged to Maurice Knapp, the chancellor's father. Many "votes for women" banners were left at the scene of the fire.

UNCLE SAM TO AID RAILROADS IN RATE CASE

Supreme Court Grants Government's Application to Intervene "as a Friend of the Court" in Minnesota Case—Two Cent Fare Invalid.

Department of Justice Decries Right of States to Interfere With Interstate Commerce.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The United States supreme court adjourned this afternoon without discussing the Minnesota rate case or other important cases pending. Chief Justice White granted the government's application to intervene, "as a friend of the court."

The government's brief supports the decision of United States Judge Sanborn that the Minnesota 2 cent fare law is invalid.

The department of justice filed a brief decriing the right of states to interfere with interstate commerce by issuing intra-state rates.

If the court agrees to receive the government's brief it probably means final decision in the cases will be postponed until this fall.

WOULD LIMIT LIABILITIES OF LOSS BY TITANIC OWNERS

NEW YORK, April 21.—Ruling on a petition filed by the Oceanic Steam Navigation company for limitation of its liabilities in 651 Titanic suits to \$97,000, United States Judge Holt decided today that survivors of the Titanic disaster may sue in England for the full amount of claims filed in the United States district court here.

The total claims against the company aggregate \$16,604,731. The Oceanic company, owners of the White Star line, wanted the damages limited to the aggregate passage money. United States Judge Hough recently temporarily enjoined the Titanic claimants from suing in any other court before the question of liability was settled. Judge Holt refused to make this order permanent, and let down the bars for survivors to sue for the full damages sought in English courts.

MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES ATTACKED BY MOB

LONDON, April 21.—After having been besieged in a house near Brighton by an angry mob which smashed all the windows of the place in an attempt to reach them, several militant suffragettes, who tried to hold a rally on the Esplanade, are nursing minor bruises and lacerations of their feelings here today. The women were roughly handled before they sought refuge in the house. The mob was dispersed by the police.

PORTLAND HAS FIVE HYDROPHOBIA CASES

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—On account of the existence of five cases of hydrophobia in the city, Dr. Geo. B. Storey, member of the city health board, is today preparing an ordinance to be presented to the city council looking toward the muzzling of all dogs allowed to run at large. Storey considers the situation sufficiently serious to demand immediate action.

MILLIONAIRE SOCIALIST SETS TYPE IN AN OHIO JAIL



Edward S. Smith, the millionaire socialist of Warren, Ohio, went to the workhouse for fifty-one days rather than pay a fine of \$25 which he said Mayor Carver, sitting as a magistrate, had no right to levy. After the flood had partly subsided in Warren Smith went out with a camera for photographs. A militiaman ordered him from a certain street because it was considered dangerous. Smith refused to leave and then submitted to arrest.

"Carver is angry at me because I ran against him for mayor," said Smith. "The militiaman who arrested me had no authority to keep me off a street, because the town was not under martial law."

GIVE COMMISSION POWER TO FIX PURCHASE PRICE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 21.—By a vote of 54 to 5 the assembly passed today the Sutherland proposed constitutional amendment giving the railroad commission power to fix the compensation to be paid for any public service corporation or utility taken over by municipalities under eminent domain proceedings.

The amendment was introduced at the request of the city attorney's office in San Francisco and was designed to apply to the condemnation of the Spring Valley Water company in the event of its acquisition through this means by the city.

Senator Owens has a bill, designed to accomplish the same purpose, but it was regarded necessary to provide a broad enabling act through a constitutional amendment.

FEEBLE-MINDED BOY MURDERED FAMILY

ELGIN, Ill., April 21.—Confession that he killed Mrs. Minnie Sleep and her two small children on the Sleep farm near here, is made today by Herman Coppes, sixteen, a feeble minded boy who had been employed by Mrs. Sleep.

The bodies were found in an abandoned cistern. Mrs. Sleep had a bullet hole in her head. The necks of the two children were broken and their skulls fractured.

SHONTS' \$100,000 MANSION DESTROYED

MOBILE, Ala., April 21.—Foreing his wife and two daughters, the Duchess of Chaulnes and Miss Marguerite Shonts, to flee for their lives, the \$100,000 winter home here of Theodore F. Shonts, president of the New York Interboro-Metropolitan Rapid Transit company, was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Shonts and her daughters are under a physician's care today.

COURT STARTS SECOND PLAN OF UNMERGING

Federal Court of Appeals Initiates Proceedings Covering Separation of Union and Southern Pacific Systems—Railroads to File Plans.

Application for Extension of Time Referred to Supreme Court Which is Expected to Act on Request.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 21.—First denying and then putting up to the United States supreme court the application of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads for an extension of time in which to file their reorganization plan, the United States court of appeals initiated here today the court proceedings covering the second plan to effect the unmerging of the Harriman railroad system. The railroads mentioned were given until July 21 to file the plan.

Judge Hook recalled the fact that his court recently suggested that the supreme court grant the desired extension. It is expected that the higher court will act on Judge Hook's suggestion soon, thus making it unnecessary for the court of appeals to deny the application.

Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific board of directors, attended the session, bringing with him the reorganization plan for immediate submission to the court, if the extension were denied. If the supreme court refuses the application the plan must be submitted at once.

WILSON URGES SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM TRAFFIC

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Wilson sent a special message to congress on the subject of opium today, transmitting a special report to Secretary of State Bryan. The message said in part:

"I strongly urge the immediate appropriation of the \$20,000 asked and the enactment of requisite anti-drug legislation to which the government is pledged internationally."

The report said eradication of opium traffic meant an annual loss of \$50,000,000 in revenue to the powers concerned and \$500,000,000 to China.

SHIP HUMAN ASHES BY PARCEL POST

OAKLAND, Cal., April 21.—The shipping of the ashes of a cremated person by parcel post from Oakland to Milford, Mass., was learned today. On April 18 the late Mrs. Jane Stoddard was cremated at the Oakland crematory. The relatives of Mrs. Stoddard desired that the interment be in Milford and conceived the idea of shipment by parcel post after the cremation. The ashes are on their way to their destination, with no person through whose hands they pass knowing that they are handling the remains of what was a living person but a week before.

PROVIDE BULL PEN FOR COLORADO I. W. W.

DENVER, Colo., April 21.—Following a pardon granted them by the mayor today, the 56 Industrial Workers of the World who were put in the bullpen here after a demonstration against the police were given their liberty. The mayor agreed to grant them permits to speak in the streets, provided they do not abuse the police or city officials.

DELAY ACTION ON ALIEN LAND BILL IN SENATE

Final Action in California Legislature Put off Until end of Week—Efforts by Powerful Interests to Secure Passage of Amendment.

Majority Unshaken in Determination to Pass Bill But Amended so as to Conform With President's Wishes.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 21.—It is certain today that final action will not be taken in the senate on the anti-alien land bill until the latter part of the week. According to senate floor leaders, it is equally certain that pending submeasures would be further modified and that new amendments would be offered when the bill was on the files.

Opposition both to the bill and the two amendments protecting European capital and exempting lands used for oil, mineral, lumber and shipping purposes, is expected.

Determined efforts are being continued by powerful interests in the state to secure the passage of an amendment that will allow European corporations to hold land. If such action is taken it will be done, if possible, in such a way as to avoid the words "ineligible to citizenship," which President Wilson has requested be not used.

The general unfamiliarity of the members of the California senate with the details by which anti-alien legislation may be expected to be worked out along the policy defined in the pending bills was today given as reason for anticipating further delay in securing final action.

While the majority of the senators remain unshaken in their determination to enact an anti-alien land law despite the international developments of the past few days, many of them are confessedly uncertain as to specific remedies.

HIGHWAY BONDS FIND READY SALE NEW YORK FOURS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 21.—With 20 bids and an oversubscription of \$20,000, the sale of \$500,000 state highway 4 per cent bonds was readily effected by State Treasurer Roberts.

A premium of \$10 was received on \$200,000 for the offer, while the remainder sold at par. This is regarded as a great showing, considering that New York City 4s touched 92 1/2 yesterday. The highway bonds were sold to various banks and bank associations.

In accordance with the plan and understanding agreed upon by the highway commissioners the proceeds of the bonds will be expended on state highway work in the counties in which the bonds are sold.

This makes a total of \$2,000,000 of state highway bonds sold since January 1. It is expected that the state engineering advisory board will at its next meeting authorize another sale, probably of \$1,000,000, to be held early in the summer.

CONGRESS TO PROBE ASSAULT ON SIMS

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Congressional investigation into the public slapping of Congressman Sims of Tennessee by Katherine Phillips, nineteen, a beautiful moving picture actress. Miss Phillips, the police say, told them of her pursuit by a wealthy Southern California man, whose name they refuse to divulge.

Forty-one other girls, under twenty-one years of age, are being interrogated by the police, and four already have made affidavits implicating the unnamed millionaire as a contributor to the delinquency of at least six of the minors.

THIRTY DAYS OPPORTUNITY TO GET WATER

Twenty Year Contract, With no Payments First Three Years Offered Until May 20 by English Syndicate With Option on Canal Company.

Securing of Required Acreage Means Building of Canal, Trolley Line and Other Extensive Enterprises.

R. K. Neill, vice president and manager of the Rogue River Canal company, has issued the following letter:

To the farmers and business men of Rogue River valley:

To the farmers and business men of Rogue River valley: In 1909 the stockholders of the Rogue River Valley Canal company became interested in this beautiful valley, as it seemed to us that there were so many opportunities undeveloped, and with extensive irrigation could be made equal to or greater than any other section of the United States. We made inquiries of the bankers, business men, and large land owners, and found that the people seemed anxious to have new capital come to the valley to build these canals, stating that they were ready, willing and able to help us in every way possible. Under those representations the present owners of the Rogue River Valley Canal company bought out the Fish Lake Ditch company's holdings, and spent a great deal of money developing our lands and building the canal system. This condition drifted along for nearly three years.

Option to English Syndicate

Some sixty days ago a representative of English capital approached us, stating that they would be willing to take over our properties, develop the canal system, and give the people a 20 year contract, provided \$9,000,000 could be signed up. The representatives stated that these people would take over the property, complete the canal system, build an electric railroad, and develop many enterprises here, and would bring a large amount of money into this valley, and prosperity would naturally follow a development of this magnitude.

After duly considering the proposition, we decided that if we were standing in the way of developments of this magnitude, and the prosperity that would naturally follow this development work, that we would give these English people a 90 day option on our holdings, which option expires the 20th of May.

English Capital More Liberal
Our company will not be able to finance the system of canals under the 20 year water contract, as contemplated by the English people. We do not think there is any money to be had in the United States on water bonds running 20 years without payments of any part of the principal for the first three to five years. But this can be done, we are informed, by English capital. It makes no difference to the people of this valley who furnishes the money. The reason the English company can give a

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WHITE SLAVE PROBE UNEARTH'S SCANDAL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 21.—A white slave probe of far reaching scope is promised here today by Chief of Police C. E. Sebastian and Deputy District Attorney Ralph Graham, following sensational revelations by Katherine Phillips, nineteen, a beautiful moving picture actress. Miss Phillips, the police say, told them of her pursuit by a wealthy Southern California man, whose name they refuse to divulge.

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