

CURRENCY BILL SENT CONFEREES

HOUSE DEFEATS ACCEPTANCE OF BILL AT ONCE

Three Conferees to Settle Differences With Nine From Senate—Expected Measure Be in Hands of President for Signature by Monday Evening.

Rediscounting of Six Months' Paper and Five-Year Farm Loans to Stand in Bill, Decides House.

- Passed by senate last night, 54 to 34.
- Objection raised in house of representatives this morning to amendments made since passage in lower chamber.
- Motion to accept bill bodily despite objections voted down, 294 to 59.
- Sent to conference with instructions to conferees to accept certain senate amendments, while seeking elimination or alteration of others.
- Senate in meantime having adjourned, hope of bill's ratification by both houses today ended.
- Democratic leaders confident of having measure in President Wilson's hands for signing by Monday night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The currency bill came back to the house today. As passed by the senate last evening it was anything but the same bill that the house sent to the upper chamber some time ago. The senate had amended it considerably.

Some congressmen were in favor of accepting it bodily but not a majority. Some, even of those who liked it in the main, thought a few alterations ought to be made in it.

Consequently it was sent to conference. In the meantime the senate had adjourned, precluding ratification of the measure, no matter how rapidly the conferees might work before Monday. It was hoped, however, to have it in the president's hands for signature by Monday night.

In turning the bill over to the conferees, the house instructed its representatives to accept the senate provisions relating to the re-discounting of six months paper and to five years farm loans by national banks.

A motion by Congressman Mann, republican floor leader, to accept the Hitchcock instead of the Owen bill, was voted down 211 to 51.

The house named only three conferees—Congressmen Glass, Korbly and Hayes. The senate chose nine—Senators Owen, Reed, O'Gorman, Pomerene, Shafroth, Hollis, Nelson, Bristol and Crawford.

Congressman Murray of Oklahoma moved that the senate bill be considered on the floor of the house and the senate amendments agreed to. The house accepted the first part of

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE BEST ADVERTISEMENT ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

The 1914 New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune will set forth the growth and development of the Rogue River valley during the past year. It will be the best illustrated New Year's issue in Oregon, replete with new illustrations and orchard statistics. It will be the best advertisement of Medford and the Rogue River valley ever sent out.

DISSOLUTION NEWS SENDS STOCKS UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The agreement for dissolution of the merger of the Western Union and the American Telephone and Telegraph companies caused a rise in both issues at the opening of the stock market today.

On the first few sales the latter stock to 12 3/4, a rise of 7 points. Western Union also manifested strength, rising a full point.

STATE TO ASSIST IN WORKING UNEMPLOYED

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—By advancing \$50,000 at once and another equal amount within a short time, the state of Washington will assist the city of Seattle and King county in caring for its unemployed. This was decided when a delegation that included two Seattle councilmen appeared before Governor Lister.

It is pointed out that the state is merely taking up earlier the designated amount of King county bonds already contracted for by the finance board.

WORKS SEEKS REPEAL HETCH HETCHY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A bill to repeal the Hetch Hetchy law was introduced in the senate today by Senator John D. Works of California. He characterized the bill as "the most insidious bit of legislation ever enacted and declared its passage was due to "the most powerful lobby that ever appeared in Washington."

SENATE PASSES CURRENCY BILL BY VOTE 54-34

Bill Greatly Modified on Final Passage, But Receives Solid Party Vote and That of Five Republican Measures.

La Follette Introduces Two Amendments, One Passes, One Is Rejected and Votes Against Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congressman Glass told the house today that the conferees on the currency bill, passed in the senate last night by a vote of 54 to 34, could not possibly agree before Monday.

This eliminated the last chance of getting the bill, with its senate amendments, through the house today. It was still thought, however, that it could be passed in time to have it in the president's hands for signing by Monday night.

Even before the bill's passage in the senate the democratic leaders had adjusted some of the differences between the two houses and today the conference committee work was being rushed as rapidly as could be managed.

In the house, as soon as the bill is reported by the conferees, it was said a majority of the senate amendments probably would be passed without rollcall.

President Wilson was expected to sign the bill as it reaches him. He was known to be delighted with the senate draft and it was said to be likely that, in signing it, he would issue a statement pointing out its strong points.

Excitement at Passage Though in detail the bill, as a slightly technical measure, perhaps has not been very fully understood, its importance was thoroughly appreciated and the senate galleries were packed when the final vote was reached last night.

There was an air of tense expectancy when the vote was begun; one of boundless relief when it was concluded. Then the galleries broke into uncheered applause.

The ballot was attended by some surprises. Senator Hitchcock, democrat, who led a hard fight to have the bill radically amended, and was practically read out of the party by Senator Owen for doing so, returned to his own party ranks at the end and gave the measure his vote.

Democrats for Measure Democratic senators who voted for the bill: Ashurst, Bacon, Bankhead, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Clarke, Fletcher, Gore, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, James, Johnson, Kern, Lane, Lea, Lewis, Martin, Martine, Myers, Newland, O'Gorman, Overman, Owen, Pittman, Pomerene, Randall, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shafroth, Shepard, Shields, Shively, Simmons.

Shively, Simmons, Smith (Arizona), Smith (Georgia), Smith (Maryland), Smith (South Carolina), Swanson, Thomas, Thompson, Tillman, Vardaman, Walsh and Williams.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—After being known as convict No. 6539 for nineteen months in the prison, many cells of which were filled through his efforts as a peace officer, Charles W. Wappenstein, former chief of police of Seattle, left the state penitentiary this morning, a free man.



HOW DID THAT EVER GET BY US?

COMPROMISE WITH PHONE COMPANY REVIVES BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Immediate restoration of confidence in big business circles as a result of the government's agreement with the American Telephone and Telegraph company was predicted here today by Theodore Vail, president of the corporation, in an interview with the United Press.

"It gives assurance," said Vail, "that legitimate business desires and means to end underground rumors of business depression and possible panic."

"I have no idea yet of how our company will dispose of its \$20,000,000 worth of Western Union stock. The details are yet to be arranged. If we had any plan at this time for its disposal it would practically amount to a confession that we had 'framed up' something on the government."

"The matter of making contracts with 20,000 independent companies for the use of our inter-state and long distance lines will entail a gigantic amount of work. I fully realize that many complaints are bound to follow and will be filed with the attorney general, charging us with giving the preference to our own subscribers in making long distance connections. We will meet this by instructing our own employees to give the preference to independent subscribers whenever the question arises."

REBELS ADVANCE ON TAMPICO AGAIN TO RENEW BATTLE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The rebels were advancing on Tampico again today. Some reports said fighting had begun but the war office here had not heard of it.

Indications were that the impending battle would be fiercer than the last one, however. The rebels had been strongly reinforced. They had added to their supply of rifles and were bringing up eight more cannon from Victoria. They had also two carloads of powder and two of dynamite. The railroad had been repaired from Victoria to the vicinity of Tampico and eight locomotives were being used to haul munitions to the front.

It was said that the only thing which prevented President Huerta from confiscating all the property of his opponents was a difference of opinion between himself and Minister Gorostieta.

ASKS \$60,000 IN AID OF ALASKA NAVIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Jones introduced a bill in the senate to appropriate \$60,000 in aid of Alaska navigation.

DARROW CHARGES ORDERED DISMISSED BY PROSECUTOR

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—An indictment of a year's standing against Clarence S. Darrow, Chicago labor attorney, charging him with having bribed Robert Bain, a prospective juror in the McNamara trial, was dropped today at the instance of District Attorney Fredericks.

Fredericks appeared before Superior Judge Jackson and stated that, inasmuch as Darrow had been tried twice on bribery charges, the state was willing that the indictment be dismissed.

Darrow was tried and acquitted on a charge of bribing or attempting to bribe George Lockwood, a McNamara juror. Later he was tried on the Bain charge, but the jury disagreed.

Both indictments against Darrow grew out of Darrow's connection with the trial of the McNamara brothers, dynamiters of the Los Angeles Times building. Darrow was their chief counsel.

IOWA FARMER RUNS AMUCK AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Running amuck in the Grand Pacific hotel here after midnight last night, H. N. Geddes, a wealthy farmer of Davenport, Ia., shot and mortally wounded Joseph Blinn, a sailor, and shot J. R. Erickson, who was entertaining Blinn in his room, through the knee when he discharged a revolver at random through a glass door. Blinn died at 7:30 o'clock this morning in the city hospital. Geddes, in a room adjoining Erickson's, made no resistance when arrested. He will be charged with murder.

"They have been bothering me for twenty years," he said when arrested, "and I decided I'd finish them." The police believe he is insane. Geddes had bank books in his possession showing balances of nearly \$5000. He said he was on his way to Australia from Portland.

BIG BUSINESS FOLLOWS TERMS SHERMAN LAW

Steel Trust Likely to Follow Example of Telephone Combine—Agreement Provides for Prompt Sale of Western Union Telegraph Lines.

President Pleased With Compromise—Business Desirous of Conforming to the Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Interest was still keen here today in the details of the agreement between the government and the American Telephone & Telegraph company, which will prevent litigation to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law. Much discussion prevailed as to whether the compromise precedent would be extended to the steel trust.

Democrats and republicans were unable to agree as to the wisdom of the compromise. It was characterized by the democrats as the most striking indication offered in a decade that "big business" has reached the conclusion that it is better to follow the terms of the Sherman law than fight it.

Republicans Object Republican congressmen flatly disapproved of the compromise. They declared the statement of former Attorney General Wickersham to the interstate commerce commission last January showed law violations, discriminations and destruction of competition on the part of the "phone trust." They also insisted that its officials should be punished.

Briefly, the agreement provides that the corporation shall dispose promptly of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph company so that each concern shall be entirely independent. The company agrees to not hereafter acquire control of other telephone companies, and where control of telephone companies has been acquired, but no actual physical union effected, to submit to the interstate commerce commission and the department of justice the course it is to pursue.

Pleases the President

Officials of the department of justice declared today that the plan gave the government more than it could have hoped to obtain in court. President Wilson was greatly pleased with the compromise and he wrote Attorney General McReynolds to this effect. One paragraph in the president's letter read: "I gain the impression more and more from week to week that the business men of the country are sincerely desirous of conforming with the law, and it is very gratifying indeed to have occasion, as in this instance, to deal with them in complete frankness and to be able to show them that all we desire is an opportunity to co-operate with them. So long as we are dealt with in this spirit we can help to build up the business of the country upon sound and permanent lines."

It was announced by officials of

CLARENCE REAMES MAY BE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—It was persistently rumored here today that Clarence L. Reames, United States district attorney for Oregon, is to be appointed an assistant to Attorney General McReynolds, relieving C. J. Knaebel, for years in charge of land litigation for the department of justice. Reames was in Chicago today en route to Washington, where it is said he will confer with Attorney General McReynolds next week.

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REDUCE FORCES OF MARINES FOR FOREIGN SHORES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today that the forces of marines in Hawaii, the Philippines and at Guantanamo and Panama would soon be cut until only enough were left to guard the property under navy department control.

The final details, he said, would be: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 105; Panama, 105; Guantanamo, 105; The Philippines, 150.