

PRESIDENT SIGNS CURRENCY BILL; IS NOW A LAW

Senate Adopts Joint Conference Bill by Vote of 43 to 35—Bristow Attacks Measure as Favorable to Big Banking Interests.

Democrats Later to Adopt Separate Bill Providing Guaranty of Bank Deposits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson signed the currency bill at 6 o'clock sharp. He prepared a memorandum outlining just what he expected the bill to accomplish.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—By a vote of 43 to 35 the senate this afternoon adopted the joint conference currency bill.

Senator Bristow of Kansas bitterly attacked the currency bill on the floor of the upper house and also criticized Senator Owen, its author. He asserted the measure outlined all that the big banking interests wanted.

"Senator Owen," said Bristow, "as a stockholder in a St. Louis bank, voted in favor of his own interests."

Denounced by Bristow Bristow also denounced the provision including the secretary of agriculture on the organization committee, declaring this had made it "a purely political committee, composed of the political officers of the Wilson administration."

The senate met at 10 o'clock this morning with the understanding that consideration of the conference report would start immediately. This will allow the various members to debate until 2:30 o'clock, a matter of four and a half hours.

Before the final vote was taken in the house, Representative Glass, chairman of the house banking and currency committee, intimated that the democrats later would introduce a separate bill to provide for guaranty of bank deposits.

Both Houses Recess This house did not meet until late today and only a handful of members were present. It merely marked time, awaiting action by the senate on the currency bill.

After the announcement of last night's vote, a joint resolution proposed by Majority Leader Underwood that the house recess upon adjournment today until January 12, was adopted.

The engrossed bill was expected to reach the white house not later than 4 o'clock. Democratic leaders planned to make the signing of the measure a ceremonious affair and scores of the bill's supporters arranged to witness the affair.

Nelson Opposes Bill Senator Nelson also bitterly opposed the bill. He was one of the minority members composing the joint committee from the house and senate that considered the bill in conference. Nelson claimed that the minority members had been barred from the important conferences.

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NINETEEN PERISH IN BRITISH GUIANA FIRE

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Dec. 23.—Besides nineteen known to have perished in a big fire in the business section here yesterday, it was feared today that more victims were buried in the ruins. More than 100, too, were injured, some of whom were expected to die. It was estimated the loss would be nearly \$1,000,000.

OAKLAND AGENT OF SANTA FE ROAD DEAD

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—After a lengthy illness, J. J. Warner, district freight and passenger agent of the Santa Fe railroad, is dead here today, aged 53 years. He had been in the employ of the company for thirty years. He is survived by a widow.

HOW SOME OF AMERICA'S "MUSTACHELESS" STATESMEN WOULD LOOK IF THEY LIVED IN GERMANY, WHERE THE KAISER HAS PUT THE BAN ON THE HAIRLESS UPPER LIP



J. C. McREYNOLDS W. B. WILSON WILLIAM G. McADOO JOSEPHUS DANIELS WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN According to a German weekly society newspaper the Kaiser has expressed disapproval of the increasing fashion among his officers of clean shaving. "A proper man needs a proper mustache," said the Kaiser. The so-called Kaiser mustache is rapidly disappearing in the army in favor of what is described as the American type. The illustration above shows how some of America's statesmen would look if they lived in Germany and followed the Kaiser's wishes.

PHONE REGULATION VIRTUAL TAKING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—President Eshleman of the state railroad commission today reviewed as follows: The state supreme court's ruling Saturday, annulling the commission's findings in the case of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is as follows: "Five judges agree that the commission's order amounted to a 'taking of property,' and as no compensation was directly awarded, the order should be annulled. "Justices Henshaw, Lorigan and Melvin held that the commission had been given the power of eminent domain; that the provisions of the public utilities act under which the commission acted, provided for compensation and are constitutional, and that the only error made by the commission was the failure to award compensation for the original 'taking' of the property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. "The commission had not hitherto claimed the power of eminent domain. "Justices Sloss and Shaw, while concurring in the result, held that the section of the act under which the commission proceeded violated the federal constitution in failing to provide for compensation for 'taking'."

WOODBURN PREACHER HANGS HIMSELF ON TREE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—Telling his wife that he had forewarned her that he was going to commit suicide and that he was not fooling about the matter, J. E. Brannon, a preacher in Woodburn, was found dead early this morning within a few blocks of his home, hanging from the end of a piece of hanging wire which he had first wrapped around his neck and then tied to a limb of a tree.

PORTLAND BANK IN NEW FEDERAL SYSTEM

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—The first Oregon financial institution to avail itself of the opportunity, the Northwestern National bank, today telegraphed the secretary of the treasury, applying for membership in the new federal banking system, created by the currency bill.

DOCKWEILLER NAMED AS INDIAN COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The nomination of Isadore Dockweiler of Los Angeles to be a member of the board of Indian commissioners was sent to the senate before its adjournment this afternoon.

PREDICT COAL CONSPIRACY CASE BE THROWN OUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Prediction that the conspiracy charge against the eight officials of the Western Fuel company would be laughed out of court when the defense showed its hand was voiced here today by Attorney Stanley Moore, representing the indicted men when the case was resumed before United States Judge Dooling. Moore's prediction came during a tilt with Theodore Roche, the government's special prosecutor. He declared that the defense would show that the actual amounts involved in the alleged frauds were so small a percentage of the company's total transactions as to make the conspiracy charge ridiculous. Moore and Roche clashed after Special Treasury Agent Tidwell had testified that the weights of imported coal on which duties were paid averaged about 8 per cent less than the invoice weights on the vessels where the shortages occurred. Moore asserted that the government alleged customs frauds of \$11,000 for a period covering twelve years and that the company during that time had paid the government \$1,000,000 in duties. "The government's case is so weak and absurd," said Moore, "that I wish to go on record with the prediction that it will never reach the jury. It will be laughed out of court."

YOUNG ASTOR CUTS PRICE OF XMAS TREE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Vincent Astor, one of the world's richest young men, bought a Christmas tree today. Miss Huntington, his fiancée, as with him when he made the purchase. For the tree he selected the dealer asked 75c. Astor consulted Miss Huntington. Fifty cents, she said, was enough. Thereat the dealer reduced the tree's price one-third.

SEEKING THUG WHO BEAT GOVERNMENT NURSERYMAN

REDLANDS, Cal., Dec. 23.—Posses are searching the government nursery in Santa Ana canyon, near here, today for two thugs who beat Fred Latschaw, an assistant horticulturist, and stole the nursery's provisions. With a fractured skull and other injuries, Latschaw dragged himself three miles to Seven Oaks, where he was given first aid before being brought to a hospital here. Doctors said he will recover.

STEAMER SHIPS WATER CROSSING COLUMBIA BAR

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—While crossing the Columbia River bar today the steamer Beaver shipped a large quantity of water in the heavy seas. Several planks on deck were torn up, but little other damage was done. No one was injured.

TOMORROW LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR CITY ELECTION

Up to 1:30 this afternoon 1125 voters, evenly divided between men and women had registered for the city election January 13th, with indications that the total would reach the 1500 mark by the time the books were closed tonight. It is expected close to 2000 will register for the election. Wednesday is the last day. The polls will be open from 1 to 7 p. m. All are urged to register this afternoon or tomorrow.

REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRY TYPHOID CASE

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Frank Lotz, the editor of Vador, Wash., who recently claimed to have discovered a blood cure for all diseases and who asserts he can cure typhoid fever in two hours, was given another setback here today. He had made arrangements with City Health Officer Kusikern by which he was to have been given an opportunity to test his cure on one of the typhoid patients in the armory. Dr. H. C. Ostrom, physician of the National Guard, refused Lotz admission to the armory. It was believed today that the epidemic of typhoid fever has been controlled. The number of cases reported are daily growing less. Two hundred and seventy persons have been taken ill with the disease since the epidemic started.

BOY OF THIRTEEN SHOT BY HUNTING COMPANION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Willie Monroe, 13, accidentally shot and killed Charles Ingraham, 12, while the boys were hunting near here today.

NOTICE TO ORCHARDISTS.

Statistics of yield for the orchards, farms and gardens of the Rogue river valley for the 1914 New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune must be in the office in the next few days as the orchard section goes to press this week. Co-operation of growers is earnestly requested. The 1914 New Year's edition will be the best illustrated newspaper ever published in Oregon outside of Portland. It is replete with page layouts and illustrations depicting the growth and development of the entire valley. There will be a Pacific Highway section with illustration showing the breaking ground ceremonies and articles by Samuel Hill, Governor West, J. S. Howard, H. L. Bowlby and Frank A. Kittridge. Every one in Medford should send copies of the issue away to advertise the valley. Price 5 cents per copy. Cut out and mail or bring to office: Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon. Reserve me.....copies of the 1914 New Year's edition at 5 cents per copy. (Signed) Address

DEATH REVEALS DOUBLE LIFE OF PARKER'S PARTNER

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—"A woman gives; gives always and sacrifices all when she loves. And I am only a woman." This was Miss Adelaide Brance's answer today to a story of illicit love, self-denial, romance and tragedy. The story developed with the sudden death yesterday of Melvin Couch, former business associate of Judge Alton B. Parker, in his law offices here.

The presence of Miss Brance in a secret suite of housekeeping rooms back of Couch's office was found as Mrs. Couch sat talking with the coroner and sheriff of Monticello. The widow faintly admitted that she had occupied the suite for more than fifteen years.

Couch's funeral was held this afternoon. It was private, the Rev. A. Waugh, a Presbyterian minister, officiating. Mrs. Couch and her pretty daughter, aged twenty-two years, were on the verge of nervous prostration.

Miss Brance broke down completely when the sheriff refused to permit her to attend the funeral. She is a pretty woman, with slightly gray hair, a youthful face and a musical voice. She told the sheriff she was a student at the Oswego normal school when her health failed. Then, she said, she started selling magazines, and met Couch when she was twenty-three years of age. Miss Brance is now thirty-nine.

MRS. ELLA YOUNG NOW SUPERINTENDENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was re-elected superintendent of the Chicago public schools after a stormy session of the board this afternoon. Thirteen of the ballots cast were for Mrs. Young; seven were blank.

EIGHT HOUR LAW DEMORALIZES ALL STATE INSTITUTIONS

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—Sweeping in its scope, the supreme court today handed down an opinion holding that the eight-hour law passed by the initiative and re-enacted by the last legislature, applies to all state employees. The effect of this interpretation of the law will place all the state institutions on an eight-hour basis, the employees being limited to forty-eight hours a week. State officials declare this will cause a deficiency in the maintenance appropriation of every institution.

The opinion was handed down in a habeas corpus proceeding brought by the superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, who was arrested on complaint of State Labor Commissioner Hoff for working an employe more than eight hours a day, so as to test the law.

Not only will it require thousands of dollars more funds to maintain the institutions, but State Treasurer Kay said he believes it will be impossible for the state to run the institutions in compliance with the law. The institutions run seven days a week and Kay points out even if the employes are put on eight hour shifts six days a week, some other arrangements will have to be made to meet the exigency of the seventh day.

UNEMPLOYED ARMY LINGERS AT FRISCO

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Now 189 strong, the "army of the unemployed" seemed inclined today to linger in Fresno, on its march to the southward, until after Christmas.

Some of the citizens, who had expected their visitors to make only a twenty-four hours stay, objected, but the general attitude was one of sympathy with the marchers. The walk from Stockton was a severe one, some of the men were ill and all were completely exhausted.

"General" A. L. Hall, the army's leader, maintained excellent discipline and there were no disorders. Camp was pitched in an abandoned brickyard in the outskirts of town. The county furnished food for the marchers and citizens contributed shoes and clothing generously.

GOVERNOR PARDONS CONVICTED MURDERESS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—Governor Ralston today made a Christmas present of a pardon to Mrs. Belle Shenkenberger, for fifteen years an inmate of the women's prison here, following her conviction on a charge of poisoning her daughter-in-law. Mrs. Shenkenberger was a civil war nurse. She began her prison term Christmas Eve, 1898 and will be freed Christmas Eve, 1913.

HUERTA IN PLOT WITH BRITISH TO SELL PRESIDENCY

Scheme Alleged to Have Been Hatched Whereby Dictator Will Sell Interest in Railroad, Resign and Permit Interests to Name Successor.

Battleships Arrive at Santa Cruz and Report Conditions Quiet at Tampico—Banks Still Closed.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—That British interests have hatched a scheme by which General Huerta will step out and seat a Mexican provisional president of their own choice was widely rumored here today.

As the initial move, it is said, Huerta will surrender his interest in the Pearson railway system for twelve million pesos. The Britons it is expected will then select a provisional president and ask the other nations to uphold him until the next regular election.

Huerta gave a reception to the diplomatic corps in honor of his Saint's day, from which, however, American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was absent.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 23.—The United States battleships Kansas and Connecticut arrived of Vera Cruz today and dropped anchor just outside the harbor. The ships passed Tampico on their voyage southward and reported all quiet there. The local branch of the Bank of London and Mexico remained closed today.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—Changing his mind when the reception given by President Huerta in celebration of his patron saint's anniversary, was nearly over, American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy turned up at the last moment and stayed until the party broke up.

Huerta, who likes O'Shaughnessy, was delighted. "You're a good fellow," he exclaimed, and chatted with the American at some length.

The crowd outside the palace was not so cordial. It cheered Sir Lionel Carlen, the British minister, and the visiting Japanese diplomats, but remained silent when O'Shaughnessy entered.

DENIED MAN IN LIFE, SHE TAKES HIM IN DEATH

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23.—Two corpses, a man's with a bullet hole in the left temple; a woman's with a similar wound in the right, were found in a room in the Rialto hotel here this afternoon.

In the woman's hand a revolver was clutched. On a table beside the dead couple lay this note: "If I couldn't have him in life, I will in death. He did no good in keeping us apart. I have no friends or relatives."

On the floor was another note. "This girl," it read, "was going to marry Frank Gregory Christmas day. Miss Lulu Edler."

The police believed the woman killed the man and committed suicide. The man was identified as Gregory.

The woman, the police said, had been married before. They found postcards in the room addressed to "Mrs. Lulu Tackett, Sheridan, Or."

Mrs. Pearl Schwab, Gregory's sister, who lives here, said this afternoon that she had been planning to go to California soon. Saturday night Gregory came home and said he was going with her. Asked why, he replied: "I want to get away from Lulu. She insists that I marry her, but I can't do it. I don't think she's the kind of girl for a wife or the kind of a girl for you and mother to know or receive. She threatens to kill me if I don't marry her, so I'm going away."