

ALASKA BILL READY FOR WILSON TO SIGN

SENATE PASSES ALASKAN BILL VOTE 42 TO 27

Senate Passes Alaskan Railroad Measure as Amended by Conference Committee—Bill is Savagely Denounced by Cummins of Iowa.

Claims Bill a Fine Thing for Private Lines Owning Terminals—Pittman Says Point Not Well Taken.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The senate passed this afternoon the Alaska railroad bill as amended by the conference committee. The bill is now ready for President Wilson's signature. The vote on the bill stood 42 for to 27 against.

Bitter denunciation of the Alaska railroad bill as amended by the senate and house conferees was voiced from the floor of the senate this afternoon by Senator Cummins of Iowa.

"As the bill now stands," said Cummins, "the government could only build inland from present terminals of privately owned lines, and as a result the government lines are certain to be at the mercy of private lines for tidewater terminals. The bill is a mighty fine thing for the private lines, because they would insist on an enormous profit if the government ever desired to take them over.

"I am opposed to the government's entry into the Alaskan railroad situation unless it owns a railroad from the sea to interior points."

Senator Key Pittman said Senator Cummins' point was not well taken. "The conference report," he said, "provided that the government must build or acquire a continuous railroad from the coast to the interior.

"I want to say that I believe we can trust the ordinary business judgment of the president without handcuffing him."

BILLS TO AMEND SHERMAN LAW BEING RE-DRAFTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The finishing touches were put to the trade commission bill today by the house commerce committee. Chairman Adamson was expected to give out the text of the bill later in the afternoon. Hearings on the railroad security regulation bill probably will conclude this afternoon.

The trade commission bill is expected to provide three commissioners at salaries of \$10,000 annually, with jurisdiction over large corporations and discretionary authority over smaller corporations. Its inquisitorial powers, however, will be limited.

The house judiciary committee was busy today redrafting three tentative bills amending the Sherman law. The bill defining monopolies and trade restraints may be dropped, as President Wilson favors a modification of the rigorous prohibition of interlocking directorates. The holding companies' bill will be designed to affect only those which, by a "community of interests," result in an actual or potential restraint of trade.

President Wilson has approved the trades relations bill prohibiting price fixing and exclusive sales practices.

SENATE TO ACT TODAY ON ALASKAN BILL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Final action on the conference Alaska railroad bill was expected when the senate convened this afternoon. The house already has confirmed the conference report. The senate cannot amend the bill but must either approve or reject it as it stands.

CLEMENTE VERGARA, WHOSE BODY WAS STOLEN FROM ITS GRAVE AND TAKEN ACROSS BORDER



Clemente Vergara, a Texas rancher and cattle raiser, was shot to death by federal troops in Mexico commanded by Captain Rodriguez, a well-known officer of the army of Dictator Huerta, operating in the north. Rodriguez had eaten dinner with him one evening and had asked him to go to an island in the Rio Grande to discuss the theft of horses which troops had taken from Vergara's ranch. No sooner had he reached the spot than he was attacked and carried off to Mexico. Later he was shot.

FUGITIVE BANKER SURRENDERS AFTER MONTHS OF HIDING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 10.—"My conscience, granting me no peace, prompted me to give myself up. The fear of getting caught never once entered my mind."

This was the declaration here today of A. C. Felt, president of the Nebraska state baseball league, and former cashier of the First National bank of Superior, Neb., who walked into United States Marshal Houlihan's office here yesterday and gave himself up on a bank wrecking charge.

"I was attending a meeting in Omaha of the Nebraska state baseball league," said Felt today, "when I received word of the failure of my bank. I came west at once. Seven weeks ago I arrived in San Francisco and here I have been living without the slightest attempt at concealment. Were it not for the pangs of my conscience, I would still be free. But I have done a wrong and now wish to face justice and such punishment as may be my lot.

"Lack of currency flexibility was a factor in the bank's failure. But I don't think the new currency system would have been a preventative. It works too slowly."

MILITANT RUINS \$200,000 PICTURE

LONDON, March 10.—In retaliation for Mrs. Eameline Pankhurst's arrest, Miss Mary Richardson, a prominent militant suffragette, took six chops with a meat ax today at Velasquez' \$200,000 painting of Venus in the national gallery.

Miss Richardson was arrested, the gallery was promptly cleared and closed and experts were called in to see if the damage could be repaired. Though they said the picture never would be the same again, they hoped to patch it up after some sort of fashion.

HIRED TO BEAT UP STRIKERS TO FORCE REIGN OF TERROR

CHICAGO, March 10.—Sworn declaration that the Ashur Detective Agency of New York sent him to Calumet to "go among the strikers and encourage violence so the militia and deputies would have cause to use their bayonets and clubs," was offered here today by Henry Batten, testifying before the congressional committee which is investigating the Michigan copper strike. He also alleged that gunmen were employed by the mine operators to beat up the strikers and then "to use their guns if resistance was offered."

Robert Akin, a detective, was another witness. He testified that he beat up three union men after they had been arrested, with the deliberate intention of "starting trouble." He also swore that other detectives and gunmen, in the employ of the operators, interrupted parades of strikers, hoping thereby to incite rioting.

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was summoned this afternoon to the bedside of Vice-President Mahoney, who submitted recently to an appendicitis operation. Mahoney's condition was said to be critical.

"I tried," said Miss Richardson, "to destroy a picture of the most beautiful woman in mythology as a protest against the government's destruction of Mrs. Pankhurst, the most beautiful character in modern history."

Miss Richardson admitted that she had been arrested ten times under the "cat and mouse" act. Secretary Dawes Turner of the national gallery testified at her preliminary hearing that the damage done to the painting she mutilated had reduced its value by at least \$125,000.

VERGARA SHOT AS HE DANGLED FROM GALLOWS

American Hanged in Mexico by Federals, Not Tortured — Cabinet Meeting Considers Situation — Moore Recalled as Legal Advisor.

Senator Stone to Reply to Fall's Attack—Officialdom Hopes That Complications Will Be Averted.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Mexico was the topic of grave discussion at a cabinet meeting today. John Bassett Moore resigned as counselor to the state department, had been recalled, it was stated, on account of the danger of serious complications. It was explained that his services as an expert on international law were much needed. He consented to outline the general procedure in the cases which are worrying the administration, but declined to resume all his old duties.

No pretense was made of denying that the administration was anxious concerning reports that Germany is growing restive at the prolonged Mexican disorders.

Rangers Not Implicated Concerning the Vergara incident, near Nuevo Laredo, General Bliss telegraphed to Secretary of War Garrison that the dead American's body was taken from its grave in Mexico and brought to the border by Mexicans, who were hired, however, by S. T. Hill, Vergara's brother-in-law. They received, Bliss stated, \$400.

It was added that reports that Vergara's body indicated the man was tortured before his execution were baseless. There were no burns on the corpse, as was stated. It was evident, the report said, that the man was hanged and then shot, presumably as he dangled. Four bullets struck him. Captain H. P. Howard conducted the investigation.

Ignorance of Expedition From other sources, too, it was learned the American border officials, both federal and state, knew nothing of the expedition into Mexico after Vergara's body until after it had occurred. Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, also had given satisfactory assurances that he was not involved in the affair.

So far as the Vergara case was concerned, these things were regarded in administration circles as having improved the situation, and officialdom began to hope that complications would be averted.

The cabinet discussed at length the pros and cons of answering Senator Fall's attack on President Wilson's Mexican policy in the upper house yesterday. It was not denied that Fall had the best of argument with Senators Shively and Shepard, and Bryan came in for some criticism for having failed to inform himself concerning the extent of the New Mexican lawmakers' familiarity with conditions and for having neglected to provide the administration's spokesman with ammunition for a better defense.

Stone to Reply to Fall It was the impression when the cabinet meeting broke up that Senator Stone, who is slated for the chairmanship of the senate foreign relations committee, succeeding the late Senator Bacon, would shortly answer the New Mexican, basing his speech on facts with which Bryan would supply him.

STRONG UNDERTONE ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Mar. 10.—A moderately strong undertone prevailed when the stock market opened today. Gains in leading issues were the rule. Chesapeake and Ohio rose one and Canadian Pacific 1/2. Bonds were easy. The market closed firm.

YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS SEEKING EVIDENCE AGAINST WEALTHY CALIFORNIA CLUBMAN



Miss Genevieve Hanan, who recently caused the arrest at San Francisco, Cal., of J. Parker Whitney, a wealthy clubman, on a charge of violating the Mann White Slave act and whose marital experiences have been the subject of wide comment, is on her way to New York to gather evidence, she says, to substantiate her charges against Mr. Whitney. Announcement had just been made that J. Parker Whitney had inherited an estate valued at \$3,000,000 when Miss Hanan forgot all about her marriage to Mr. Harris and had Mr. Whitney arrested. She said she had met him early in 1913 at the Plaza Hotel, in New York city, and that after his offer to marry her later she travelled about with him as his wife. They finally took up their residence in San Francisco, she said, when he induced her to make a visit to New York. When she reached San Francisco again Mr. Whitney had transferred his affections and would not recognize her.

Mr. Whitney was released on a \$20,000 bond. Members of the Hanan family in New York repudiate the girl's claim to relationship.

DEATH ROLL OF ST. LOUIS HOLOCAUST FROM 30 TO 40

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 10.—Ten bodies recovered and eleven more corpses were in sight today in the ruins of the burned Missouri Athletic Club building. Firemen were unable to reach them, owing to danger from a tottering wall against which they were heaped. The wall was to be pulled down today and the bodies taken out. In the meantime the seven victims removed yesterday and the three this morning were the only ones in the morgue.

Between thirty and forty was still the searchers' best guess as to the number who perished. Some uncertainty still continued owing to the loss of the club register, which would have indicated just who was in the house. The search of the ruins was kept up until midnight and resumed at dawn today.

NO HOPE ASIATIC EXCLUSION THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Postponement of consideration of proposed Asiatic exclusion legislation until April 6, was announced today by the house immigration committee. Pacific coast representatives admitted this afternoon that they practically abandoned hope of getting exclusion legislation through at this legislation.

MOB OF THIRTY LOOT POST OFFICE

LOOMIS, Cal., March 10.—At 2 o'clock this morning thirty or more desperate men, believed to be members of the scattered army of the unemployed, raided this place, and, breaking down the doors of the post-office, blew the safe with nitro-glycerine and obtained \$3000 in coin and stamps. The postmaster, S. W. Turner, aroused by the sound of the explosion, hastily dressed, armed himself and hastened to the scene. He encountered several men and engaged in a fight with them. Two were seen

HUERTA ORDERS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEXICAN REBELS

MEXICO CITY, March 10.—An offensive campaign against the rebels was ordered by President Huerta today. The president was said to have considered that his forces have stood on the defensive too long. His generals everywhere have been warned that he will visit his wrath on them unless they take aggressive stands immediately.

Two hundred federal refugees who, after defeat in northern Mexico, fled into the United States, have arrived with the story that they were held prisoners for a time at Fort Bliss, but that the American troops finally let them escape for small bribes.

Word was received that the rebels in Torreon's vicinity had dynamited two federal troop trains on their way to strengthen the garrison there, but without any casualties.

United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was still heavily guarded.

CHRONIC STOMACH TROUBLE FROM POSTUM

ROCHESTER, Minn., Mar. 10.—Charles W. Post, millionaire cereal food manufacturer, was successfully operated on here today for appendicitis. The operation disclosed chronic stomach trouble but surgeons expressed the belief that he would be permanently cured and would recover quickly. Post made the trip from Santa Barbara to Rochester on a special train.

WRIGHT IMPEACHMENT CHARGES DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Impeachment charges recently filed against Justice Daniel Thew Wright of the District of Columbia supreme court were dismissed this afternoon by the house judiciary committee. The committee held that the charges were insufficient and unsupported.

ARMY OF IDLERS PENNED BETWEEN POLICE AND FLOOD

Overflow of Sacramento River Prevents Invasion of Yolo County While Armed Men Guard River Bridges into City.

Army Fed on Scant Rations Contributed by Private Individuals—Demand Transportation East.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 10.—Penned up between an ocean of overflow flood water on one side, which prevented a further invasion of the unemployed army into Yolo county or any other section to the north, south or west, and an army of 300 civilian officers with clubs, guns and fire engines guarding the bridges leading into Sacramento, the several hundred members of the hobo "army" were being held at bay this afternoon.

Troops Refused Governor Johnson refused the aid of troops because there was no apparent attempt on the part of the "army" to destroy property.

Residents of Yolo county and the authorities across the river from Sacramento were indignant because of the embargo maintained against the reinvasion of the unemployed into this city. They declared that Sacramento had no right to maintain the armed guard at the bridges. Sacramento authorities declared that the army will not be permitted to enter the city again under any circumstances.

In the meantime, the citizens of Sacramento are feeding the men on scant rations, most of which are being contributed by private individuals.

Leaders Held in Jail

Although the former leaders of the unemployed army are held in jail, there seems to be no lack of leadership in the ranks of the hikers. They are making plans of concerted action and refuse positively to be sent back to San Francisco or any other town about the bay region. They demand food and insist that they be given funds with which to procure their passage eastward in their attempted march to Washington.

The situation has not as yet reached a critical stage because the authorities have not decided what to do with the men.

SOCIALISTS DRIVE ITALIAN CABINET OUT OF OFFICE

ROME, Mar. 10.—That Premier Giolitti and his cabinet were driven out of office by socialist opposition to a vote approving the expenses of the war in Tripoli was asserted on high political authority here today.

Signor Giolitti professed to have retired because, having completed all plans for Tripoli's colonial development, he considered his great work accomplished and wanted rest. His opponents assert that he knew the chamber of deputies was about to disapprove the government's war expenses, which would have compelled him to resign in any event, and retired to save himself humiliation.

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