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KING IS DENOUNCED

MINISTER MAKES SAVAGE ATTACK ON LEOPOLD.

Says He is Member of Belgian Lobby in Washington—Declares King's Slaves Are Whipped to Death if Work is Not Satisfactory.

Accusations were made by Rev. S. Johnson, of Boston, in an address delivered in the Park Avenue Methodist church in Chicago Sunday, against Charles Henriot, Belgian consul in Chicago, whom he charged with being a member of a Belgian lobby, working to prevent the United States government from noting the alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State and with being in the pay of King Leopold of Belgium. Dr. Johnson declared that representations soon will be made to the state department at Washington which will be followed by a demand to the Belgian government that Mr. Henriot be removed from the Chicago consular post.

Mr. Henriot made specific denial of being a member of the Belgian lobby, adding that he doubted that such a lobby exists. "If Dr. Johnson says I am a member of the so-called Belgian lobby he lies," said Consul Henriot. "I most emphatically deny it. There have been atrocities in Congo but they occurred years ago. King Leopold is doing his utmost to suppress atrocities and punish violators of the law."

Mr. Johnson, who is pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston, was introduced by Prof. Jerome Lee of Belgium the wages paid to the Congo.

"The atrocities in the Congo Free State are a thousand times worse than is generally known," said Dr. Johnson. "King Leopold has taken the lands of the native population and has enslaved from 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 black people. According to the prime minister, under sentence for the murder Congo people for work in the rubber plantations is a charity. If the natives are not quick enough in bringing an amount of rubber to suit the king's agents they are whipped to death."

PATRICK SEEKS CLEMENCY.

Lobby Finally Consents to Apply for Commutation of Sentence. LAYMAN Albert T. Patrick, of New South, is the one who insisted that of Millonario Rice, has signed a petition to Gov. Higgins, begging him to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

The final appeal to the governor was signed by Patrick in the death house. John T. Milliken, brother-in-law of Patrick, who has spent a fortune to save his wife's brother from a felon's or celestial marriage. Patrick should ask clemency. It is believed that the governor insisted on a personal letter of appeal from Patrick.

MORMON JUDGE PROTESTED.

Section of Churchman in Idaho Held to Be Illegal. A protest against the section of Alfred Budge, Republican, as judge of the Fifth district of Idaho, has been filed in the district court of Bannock county. Budge's election is contested and therefore a believer in polygamy, although he is not charged with an excess of wives.

The complaint is based upon a clause of the state constitution which forbids any officer to vote who encourages or practices polygamy, patriarchal or celestial marriage. Six Men Die in Explosion. Six men met instant death Saturday in a dynamite explosion about twenty-four miles from Newport, Tenn. They were employed on an extension of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad. A load of dynamite for a blast exploded while being tamped.

President's Annual Cabinet Dinner. The annual cabinet dinner, the first social function of the season at the White House, was given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt Thursday. Mrs. Mary Roach, of Bloomington, Ill. shot and fatally wounded William Skinner, a neighbor, who was attempting to rob her house.

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AT BAR ON STRETCHER.

Mrs. Birdsong is Given Five Years in Prison.

A dispatch from Hazelhurst, Miss., says: Angie Birdsong was Friday ordered a new trial by Judge Miller. She was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, and notice of appeal was given to the Mississippi supreme court.

When notice of appeal was made Mrs. Birdsong was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000, which was furnished. Mrs. Birdsong shot and killed Dr. Thomas Butler at Monticello, Miss., Nov. 25, 1905, and at the trial concluded several days ago was convicted of manslaughter. Since that time she has been seriously ill. Because of her young child and her illness Mrs. Birdsong was never sent to jail.

The young defendant was taken to court Friday lying on a cot moaning with pain and fever, crying continually for water and at times nearly delirious, and listened for an hour and a quarter to her counsel's arguments for leniency and a new trial. She was allowed to hear the sentence without standing.

A striking feature of the scene was the fact that the leading argument for Mrs. Birdsong was made by a lawyer himself so ill that he remained in an invalid chair while presenting the case. This was R. N. Miller, who suffered a complete breakdown at one of the critical parts of the trial.

GREAT DAM CASE SETTLED.

Last Obstacle in the Way of Construction is Removed.

Private advices received in El Paso, Tex., Friday from Mexico City, states that the Mexican government has ratified the treaty with the government of the United States referring to the great irrigation dam at Encite, sixty miles above El Paso.

This action brings to an amicable settlement a bone of contention between the two republics and litigation that has been pending for ten years, and settles the claim for \$20,000,000 which the Mexican government filed against the United States for damages on account of deprivation of water rights in the upper Rio Grande and irrigation rights in the lower stream. Thus is removed the last obstacle in the way of the completion of the great dam by the United States.

KING OSCAR MAKES GAIN.

Crown Prince Assumes Regency During His Father's Illness.

A Stockholm dispatch says: The condition of King Oscar, the aged Swedish monarch, who is seriously ill, showed considerable improvement Friday.

Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus has assumed the regency, which he will hold during his father's illness. It appears that King Oscar has been unwell for some days. His indisposition was not regarded as serious until Wednesday, when he developed symptoms of heart failure. His heart has been affected for three years, and in the fear that because of his great age the present attack might prove fatal, four doctors have been in attendance.

VANDERBILT'S AUTO WRECKED.

Mr. Vanderbilt is Hurled Into Lake Success.

While W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., with his chauffeur, was speeding a sixty-horse power racing automobile along the lake of Success, Long Island, Friday, the front axle snapped and the car skidded. A wheel became detached, the body of the car struck the ground and tore up the road for fifteen feet. Mr. Vanderbilt was hurled into the lake well away from the shore. He sank through the thin ice, but rose immediately and swam ashore unharmed.

Maj. Gen. Wint in Havana. Maj. Gen. Theodore J. Wint arrived in Havana Friday. Gen. Wint will take command of the American army January 1, when Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell returns to the United States.

Tons of Mail for Europe. The steamer Celtic, which sailed from New York recently for Liverpool, carried 4,033 sacks of mail, the largest mail ever taken from a United States port.

Heads Swiss Confederation. Eduard Muller, vice president of the federal council of Switzerland, was Thursday elected president of the Swiss confederation in succession to M. L. Ferrer, whose term has expired.

Missouri Bank Robbed. Robbers wrecked the safe of the Interstate bank at Excelsior, Mo., and escaped with the contents, said to be \$5,000.

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GIBBONS IN APPEAL.

Calls for Sympathy for Catholics of France.

"The American public does not understand the present crisis in France," said Cardinal Gibbons when asked for his opinion of the French situation. He continued: "I am getting to be an old man now and I think I know my countrymen. They love fair play; they love liberty; they love to see human dealings of man with man. And the late years have shown how cordially they hate injustice, tyranny and inhumanity. And yet France has treated her noblest citizens with injustice and inhumanity, and America, which has sympathy for the oppressed of all nations, has raised no protest nor uttered a word of sympathy."

"If I believe that my countrymen would knowingly see a great organization unjustly deprived of its property, tens of thousands of honest men and noble women robbed of their just income, hundreds of thousands of people brutally wounded in what they hold dearest and most sacred, a majority in the chambers disregard and trample upon the rights of the minority and the rights of millions of their countrymen in the name of liberty, I would knowingly see tens of thousands of priests and nuns turned out of their homes for no crime but that of loving God—I say, if my countrymen can see and recognize all this injustice and refuse genuine sympathy to those who suffer, then I will leave life without that faith in American love of justice, liberty and humanity."

"That the American people have not had these things put fairly before them. Our own press has been to a considerable extent the reflex of the Parisian anti-clerical press. Most people over here have little conception of the French anti-clericals. They look on the leaders of this party as enlightened statesmen seeking to preserve the republic from an aggressive clergy."

"There have been honest and sincere lovers of republican government among anti-clericals. I admit, but the majority of them have far less love of the republic than they have hatred of religion."

"But in France the Jacobin party is not dead. They hate God, they hate Christ, they hate his religion as much as ever their fathers hated them. But they have learned a more prudent and measured method of attack. And yet the utterances of such men are received as unsuspectingly by many Americans as would be a discourse by Mr. Cleveland, or Mr. Roosevelt, or Mr. Taft."

HITS THE GREAT NORTHERN.

Minnesota Attorney General Says Bond Issue is Not Valid.

Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, Thursday made a ruling that under the state law the proposed increase in the capital stock of the Great Northern railway, recently announced from New York, amounting to \$60,000,000, is invalid and that as soon as the issue is actually begun the state will take action in the matter.

The attorney general holds before the railroad can increase the capital stock it must serve notice of such intention on the state railway and warehouse commission for review at a public hearing to determine the necessity for the increase. This has not been done, and furthermore the increase of the \$35,000,000, made last spring, must also be explained before either the present proposed issue or that of last spring become legal.

The Great Northern operates under a Minnesota charter, and the original company was incorporated under the territorial laws.

MANILA CALLS FOR TEACHERS.

One Hundred and Twenty More Are Wanted from United States.

One hundred and twenty additional teachers are wanted in the Philippines for the next school year, according to a cablegram received Thursday from Manila by the bureau of insular affairs. Fifty of the highest number of appointments at entrance salaries of \$1,200 and the remainder smaller amounts. The appointees will be selected from those passing the civil service examinations and will go to the islands under two-year contracts, although it was stated that the majority of those going over in previous years have remained in the service for a much longer time. The examinations will be conducted throughout the country on Dec. 27 and 28.

Killed by Fall from Car. William A. Faircloth, of Ridgeway, N. J., was run over and instantly killed by a passenger train on the Southern Pacific railroad near El Paso, Tex., Thursday.

New York Daily News Suspends. The New York Daily News company Thursday suspended publication. The cause given was that the other papers of the city had superior facilities.

For Extermination of Texas Fever. Representative Ramsdell, of Texas, introduced a bill Thursday appropriating \$250,000 for the extermination of the Texas fever tick.

Girl Kills Man and Herself. Thomas Bailey, a mill operative from Winslow, Ont., was shot in the abdomen and probably fatally wounded by Grace Davis in a resort at Nampa, Idaho, Thursday. The woman then shot and killed herself.

Grain for Russian Sufferers. The Russian government has purchased 5,000,000 bushels of grain in Siberia, where there has been a big grain harvest this year, at comparatively low prices.

Boy Robbed Sentenced. Jesse Clyde Ramsey, a Chicago boy, who robbed a Burlington train Nov. 2, and a Rock Island limited Nov. 8, near Glasgow, Mo., pleaded guilty Thursday at Marshall, Mo. He was given the minimum sentence, twenty years imprisonment.

Largest Canning Factory Burns. The vegetable canning factory of J. F. Folk & Co. at Greenwood, Ind., burned Thursday night. The loss is estimated at \$220,000. The destroyed factory was the largest of its kind in the world.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Railroad Commissioners Report—Railroad Companies Pay State Taxes Amounting to \$237,720—Majority of Cases Amicably Adjusted.

Considerable matter of state-wide interest is contained in the seventeenth annual report of the board of railroad commissioners of South Dakota, an office which has been recently reorganized by William H. Stanley, secretary of the board.

The report shows that the taxes paid by the railroad companies within the state during the year ending June 30 last amounted to an aggregate of \$237,720.95, an increase of \$13,802.05 over the last prior fiscal year. Reference to the detailed statement of the board discloses that while an unusually large number of cases have been considered, a very large proportion of them have been satisfactorily adjusted without formal hearings and investigations.

Warehouse License for this number of 1,928 were issued by the board during the fiscal year covered by the report. This is an increase of 17 over 189 over the year 1894.

As the level crossing is at least a menace to public safety, the board recommends the enactment of certain laws empowering the commission to direct all railroad companies to construct either overhead or undercrossings, or to place electric bells or other safety appliances at all grade-highway crossings, where in the opinion of the board, it is considered necessary or proper for the safety of the public.

WAKONDA SWEEP BY FIRE.

Six Buildings in South Dakota Town Burn.

Six buildings in the main street of Wakonda were destroyed Friday evening in a fire which for a time threatened to wipe out the whole business section. The volunteer department had its hands full coping with the flames, but managed to confine them within one block. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.

The fire started about 6:30 o'clock from a gasoline illuminating lamp in the rear of Dwyer Bros' hardware store. The flames spread rapidly and the adjacent buildings soon were in a blaze. There was little time to get movable articles out of danger, and the loss in each case was almost completely covered by insurance.

When the flames were extinguished at about 8:30 o'clock only two buildings were left standing, one at each end of the block—the Bank of Wakonda and Cheney & Jacobson's store. The vault of the First National bank is intact.

DR. BRUNNING ACQUITTED.

Aberdeen Man Not Guilty of Violating Medical Laws.

The case of Dr. Brunning of Aberdeen charged with practicing medicine without a license, and which attracted attention throughout the north-west on account of the far reaching effect expected should a conviction be secured, has been settled in court Friday by a verdict of not guilty.

Brunning is a chiropractor and last summer his arrest was caused by the secretary of the state medical board on the above charge. The trial was held in the police court and after some delay Brunning was found guilty and fined \$50. Brunning at once appealed and the decision is the result.

A Good Water Supply. The pipe line which has just been laid from Englewood to Lead is completed. It will bring in the water for the city supply, formerly brought through a wooden flume. The new pipe is 28 inches in diameter and will carry a large volume of water. The city reservoir for the first time is practically full and the citizens of Lead are not assured of pure water and plenty of it.

New Free Rural Routes. Preliminary arrangements are being rapidly perfected for placing in operation three new rural free mail delivery routes in August county on Jan. 1. The routes will extend from White Lake, Plankinton and Sticksney and will pass through thickly settled communities.

Dakota Corn Husking Record. One thousand five hundred bushels of corn gathered in fourteen days is the record recently made by Will Hazelbrook, a young man living near Excelsior. The highest number of bushels gathered in any one day was 120.

Will Never Assess. Only a month after he had been elected assessor of Anderson county, N. Brinson, better known as Trib Brinson, one of the three successful candidates on the Democratic ticket, died at his old home in Missouri.

Justice Pat Early. Justice Patrick Early, a well known figure in the Black Hills for the past thirty years, died suddenly in his home in Deadwood.

State Poultry Show at Mitchell. A meeting of the executive committee of the South Dakota State Poultry association was held to arrange for the coming state exhibition, which will be held in Mitchell Jan. 25 to Feb. 2, 1907.

Clark Not to Be Candidate. Col. Charles A. Clark, Iowa commander of the G. A. R., announces he will not be a candidate for next national commander, notwithstanding the position has been practically conceded to him.

Used Too Much Dynamite. Englewood, in the use of 32 pounds of dynamite which broke into the Hamm Brewing company's office at Aberdeen lost them a large sum of money. The safe and office were so badly wrecked it was impossible to get at the plunder.

Go to China as Missionary. Miss Winnie Stout, of Hurley, has started for the interior of China, where she will serve as a missionary for the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Missionary society. Miss Stout is a Hurley girl and was born and raised there.

LOPERS RETURN.

Parker Man and His Sister-in-Law Are Forgiven.

Dick Plunker, of Parker, and his 17-year-old sister-in-law, Minnie Smith, with whom he eloped, have returned. Officers tried several days to locate them, but no trace of them was found until the couple got off the train at Parker, went to where her father and sister were stopping, knocked on the door and were ushered in by the old lady waiting.

They said they had been on a trip through Iowa and were at Anamosa, Ia., when the girl wanted to go back to her father. He consented to go to her father, but she asked forgiveness, which was granted by the father of the girl and the wife of her companion.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Child Caught Fire from Burning Hay in Yard.

A distressing accident occurred Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Schrock in Yankton. A little boy about 2 years of age started a fire in the hay yard with some hay which had blown from a passing load. His little sister, a babe of 2 years, attracted by the blaze, came too near and was burned to a crisp before assistance reached her.

She was removed to Sacred Heart hospital and everything was done to relieve her, but death resulted from the burns a few hours after.

STEEPS FIRE LOSS IN DREAM.

Vision of Black Hills Man is Fully Verified.

Frank Vetri, after dreaming that he was in a great fire, went to the office in Deadwood Thursday morning and learned that his place of business in Englewood had burned to the ground and that his loss amounted to over \$4,000.

Vetri is a Sicilian and was a musician of exceptional ability. Among the valuable articles in his store was a piano valued at \$1,000, and other musical instruments worth \$500 more. A few months ago Vetri learned of the death of his mother through a dream.

LOVELLA TRIBUNE IS BURNED.

Newspaper Plant Wrecked, Together with City Hall.

Fire, which began in the building of the Lovella Tribune early Wednesday morning, entirely destroyed that structure and contents and spread to the city hall, which was checked after burning the council chamber.

Car's drug store, which caught fire several times, was saved with difficulty. The loss to Harry Keller, publisher of the Tribune, is \$2,000, partially insured. The damage to the other buildings amounted to \$1,000. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

Soldiers Held for Robbery.

Frank A. Grandstaff and Walter J. McKeller, two soldiers of the Sixth cavalry at Fort Meade, were arrested at Sturgis, charged with robbery. Grandstaff pleaded guilty and McKeller entered a plea of not guilty. Grandstaff pleaded guilty. Grandstaff was bound over to the next term of the Meade county circuit court in the sum of \$2,000.

May Build Canning Factory. The general sentiment seems to prevail that a canning factory located in Vermillion would be a fine thing for the community, and nearby farmers and business men of the city are investigating the proposition with a view to erecting a plant. With all conditions favorable as they are, and men willing to invest their money, it looks as though the project will go through.

Priests Transferred. A change in districts in the work of the Catholic church at Henry and vicinity has been very materially improved. Father Twigh has been transferred from Estero to Henry. Father Honert, with headquarters at Clark, who heretofore has held services at Henry at intervals, has been given the field at Raymond instead.

State Board of Pardons. The state board of pardons, in session Monday at Pierre, recommended a clemency for four, they being Henry Eades, from Miner county, for larceny; Charles O. Bjelstrom, Stanley county, horse rustling; Hubbard W. Coulter, Pennington county, larceny; Elmer E. Young, Jeraud county, larceny.

Checking Up. Public Examiner Bramble and Deputy Wingfield, are again at their checking work in the state house, which was partially completed early in the week. They get have the auditor's department to go over, and are clearing that up before the change in officials.

Good Demand for Land. Notwithstanding that the ground is covered with a light fall of snow and buyers are coming to Miller nearly every day and are being driven out over the prairie in search of homes. Sales are being made right along.

Elevators Running Nights. The elevator are running nights at Miller in order to handle the grain. Threshing is about done in the county, but the corn husking is going on and it will require several weeks more to finish it.

Fire at Rapid City Smelter. The third fire at the Rapid City smelter within the last few months occurred Thursday night, when the assay office and the bank house were destroyed. The property was covered by insurance and the loss will not be heavy.

Bandmaster Fought Dead. John Stout, widely known throughout band circles in South Dakota as the leader of the Fourth regiment band of Sioux Falls, died Monday of typhoid pneumonia.

Grosser Insanity Hearing. The Grosser Insanity case at Yankton, which has been much agitated of late came up for hearing again Tuesday. A number of prominent citizens and physicians testified on both sides. At the conclusion of the hearing a week's recess was taken.

To Build New Church at Aberdeen. The forward movement begun by the Methodist church of Aberdeen a few weeks ago has culminated in the organization of a Brotherhood of St. Paul and the raising of a subscription of \$25,000 for the building of a new church.



WORK OF CONGRESS

The movement inaugurated by the members of the state board of railroad commissioners for a general reduction of freight charges in South Dakota is making good progress, and without doubt will bear good and substantial fruit. Every railroad having lines in South Dakota, which was held preliminary meeting which was held at the headquarters of the railroad commissioners. While the meeting had no definite results, sufficient time having elapsed, steps were taken for securing data on the subject not further meetings, when the matter will, in the course of the next sixty days, be brought to a conclusion and the schedule of new rates, as presented by the railroad companies, will be put into effect. The representatives of the railroad companies present at the meeting stated that they would be unable to procure the necessary data and prepare their side of the case within a period of six weeks, and accordingly the hearing was continued. The railroad commissioners have fixed Dec. 28 as the time for the next hearing of the matter. The railroad companies, however, have their side of the case prepared and ready for presentation to the board at that time, but at the hearing on the 28th the board will receive complaints and suggestions from shippers, jobbers and others in reference to the proposed new schedule of reduced rates. The railroad commissioners invite all shippers and others in the state, who have objections or complaints to make, to present them in person at the adjourned hearing, or send them in by mail prior to that time so they may receive consideration at the hands of the railroad commissioners.

The annual report of State Treasurer Collins for the year ending July 1 last, has been printed, and in the letter of transmittal he calls attention to the total debt reduction which has been made, cutting the bonded debt and warrants down from \$837,000 to \$462,000. During the fiscal year revenue warrants to the amount of \$400,000 were taken up, and new ones issued to the amount of \$250,000. The cash will be on hand to take these up when they become due in February next. While the report only shows the taking up of \$25,000 of the bonds, reducing the bonded indebtedness of the state to \$210,000, Treasurer Collins secured the surrender of all but \$45,000 of the outstanding bonds, and has a promise of securing them, cutting out entirely that part of the state debt. If the present promises are kept the saving to the state in the interest charge which would have accrued had all the bonds run to maturity will have been over \$50,000. Treasurer Collins estimates the total state indebtedness at the close of his term at \$200,000, and holds that with the increase in material progress in the state the revenues will be ample to meet the same. Since the present demands are kept the possibility at all times that the legislative appropriations are likely to, under the pressure which exists, go beyond the possibilities of the revenues to meet them, and leave the state in the position of a borrower, or carrying 7 per cent warrants which cannot be met for want of funds on hand.

State Land Commissioner Dokken held in Pierre announced to the office force of that department that they are to be retained in the present positions. The department he has been called upon to manage is one of the big business institutions of the state, which has the control of millions of dollars of cash and other property, and trained men to handle it properly. Mr. Dokken will take hold of a big establishment, and will leave a bigger one as every year adds to the duties and responsibilities of the department. Up to the present the state has been fortunate in the class of men at the head of the department, and Mr. Dokken, with his business training, should be able to keep the department up to its high state of efficiency, and bring new ideas to help along the work. He has shown his appreciation of the task before him by his selection of assistants, and will without doubt give the work the same painstaking care as has his predecessors.

During the past week Gov-elect Crawford has been on a tour of visitation to state institutions, for the purpose of ascertaining the conditions and needs of each so that he may intelligently refer to them in his forthcoming message to the state legislature. Although work on this document has not yet begun, it is shown that it will be a valuable state paper. He has accumulated much material that will be both interesting and instructive to the people of South Dakota. The late change in that office from Crawford to Taylor, whereby A. B. Fairbank becomes a member, relieves Mr. Crawford from the necessity of giving particular attention to business affairs of the firm, except in more important matters. Julian Blomst, for several years stenographer for Mr. Crawford in his law business, will accompany him to Pierre as private secretary.

The state brand commission has been called to meet on the 27th of this month to clear up all business which may be ready for them at that date. There will not be another meeting until next spring.

The Northwestern road has begun work on an extension of their freight depot at Pierre, doubling the size of the present building, giving it a total length of six hundred feet. At the present time the old building is packed with freight every corner, and long strings of box cars are being held on the sidings for way freight which cannot be got into the building. When the new building is completed, it is hoped that the freight can be handled in better shape.

The proposition to take from cities and towns the local option provisions of the present liquor license law, and make it exclusively county option, will not get through as a law without radical opposition. The anti-saloon league of the state is back of the proposition, and will attempt to put it through. By the operations of such a law, it is hoped that the country districts by their votes would prevent the saloons in the cities and towns. The towns which desire to regulate their own local affairs will not take kindly to it, and its introduction will mean a fight.

The Senate was not in session Friday. The House received from committee the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which was made a special order for Monday, no day having been fixed for the vote. A bill which has the endorsement of labor as well as manufacturers generally, repealing that portion of the Wilson interstate commerce bill relating to convict-made goods, and permitting the several States to legislate for themselves as to their competition with "free labor," made goods was passed. A bill also was passed creating a game preserve in the Olympic Mountains in Washington. Adjournment until Monday was taken.

In the Senate on Monday more than a hundred pension bills were placed on the calendar with favorable reports; a resolution was adopted calling for the record of the army troops dismissed by the President prior to the Brownsville, Texas, affair; a few private relief bills were passed and the consideration of a child labor bill for the District of Columbia was begun. Consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was begun in the House. Simplified spelling held attention for an hour or more, the paragraph in the bill fixing the orthographic standard in some recognized authority furnishing Mr. Clark of Missouri, chief of the National Bureau of Mr. Livingston, of Georgia an opportunity to express themselves on the President's order to the public printer relative to the modified spelling of 300 words in common use. Mr. Mason of Arkansas delivered a speech on "book-shops" and in favor of his bill prohibiting peddling in agricultural commodities, and Mr. Sheppard of Texas criticized the manner in which appropriation bills are prepared.

The question of Senator Reed Smoot's right to a seat as United States Senator from Utah was discussed by Senator Burrows for more than three hours in the Senate Tuesday. Senator Smoot occupied his place in the chamber. No interruption of any kind during the entire speech, which was an arraignment of Mormonism and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity for general debate covering a wide range of issues in the Senate. In the House, in speaking of the bestowal of the Nobel prize upon President Roosevelt, praised the President's decision to use this prize in establishing a fund for bringing about a friendly understanding between the United States and Japan, and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity for general debate covering a wide range of issues in the Senate. In the House, in speaking of the bestowal of the Nobel prize upon President Roosevelt, praised the President's decision to use this prize in establishing a fund for bringing about a friendly understanding between the United States and Japan, and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity for general debate covering a wide range of issues in the Senate. In the House, in speaking of the bestowal of the Nobel prize upon President Roosevelt, praised the President's decision to use this prize in establishing a fund for bringing about a friendly understanding between the United States and Japan, and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity for general debate covering a wide range of issues in the Senate. In the House, in speaking of the bestowal of the Nobel prize upon President Roosevelt, praised the President's decision to use this prize in establishing a fund for bringing about a friendly understanding between the United States and Japan, and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity for general debate covering a wide range of issues in the Senate. In the House, in speaking of the bestowal of the Nobel prize upon President Roosevelt, praised the President's decision to use this prize in establishing a fund for bringing about a friendly understanding between the United States and Japan, and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles, as a member of the apostolic body of the church. During the morning the Senate listened to the reading of President Roosevelt's message on Porto Rico. In the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill afforded an opportunity