

WOULD GIVE LEE RELIEF

Senator Allen's Bill if Passed Would Affect Lee County and Give the Relief Asked For.

CHIEF JUSTICE ASSIGN

Provides That in Case Judicial District Has But One Judge Chief Justice Shall Assign a Judge.

DES MOINES, March 3.—In the senate this morning a bill was introduced by Allen of VanBuren, providing that in case of any judicial district having but one judge the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge from some other district to hold two terms of court one a year in each place in such district court is held.

TAKERS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

Thousands Mulcted From People all Over the County by Race Swindlers.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 3.—The ante room of the grand jury chamber today was crowded with witnesses to tell the workings of alleged race swindlers recently arrested here. From the men who will testify, over \$100,000 was secured. Marby and Clark were identified by four men from Colorado and two from Minnesota as being leaders of the gang which victimized them at Council Bluffs. The attorney for Henry Stockwell, a jockey, refused to allow him to testify before the grand jury. Those present to testify are: J. C. Cavanaugh, of Pine Bluff, who was relieved of \$27,000 on wrestling match in New Orleans; J. G. Kile, Cisco, Ill., who lost \$10,000 here February 13, on a horse race; J. P. Walker, J. C. Bowman and B. N. McCain of Denver, and S. Bedford of Greeley, Colo., who lost heavily on the horse race at Council Bluffs; J. F. Tierney of Streator, Ill., who lost \$10,000 on a wrestling match in New Orleans; W. N. Balelew, who lost \$30,000 on a horse race at Council Bluffs; W. W. McGrath, of Poline City, Minn., who lost the same amount; Samuel Sutor of Cass Lake, Minn., who lost \$50,000 on a horse race in Council Bluffs.

CROWDS WANTED TO SEE JEFFRIES

Police Declare Keeping Order When Champion Pugilist Arrived Was a Hard Task.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The police today are declaring it a greater task to guard the champion pugilist than the president-elect, as a result of their experience when James Jeffries who arrived at the Central station. Today the station and street and the train shed was jammed and the cheering mob surged toward the champion as he came from the crowd. Reserves tried to keep the crowd from moving but failed. The police were finally content at keeping the sidewalk and street open for traffic.

ATTEMPT TO POISON BY MAIL

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OCONTO, Wis., March 3.—An attempt to poison five people in the village of Suring is believed to be the work of a maniac. The plot was frustrated by the discovery of a package of envelopes, each envelope addressed to a resident of the village. Each contained enough strychnine to kill several persons. It was labeled "headache powders" but the letter in the first envelope made a threat to poison one of the others addressed.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEAD

Lives Lost in an Earthquake Which Destroyed the Village of Masran, Near Jerusalem.

SMYRNA, March 3.—One hundred and fifty people are dead in the ruins of the path of an earthquake which destroyed the village of Masran, near Jerusalem, according to dispatches received here today.

Inaugural Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The weather bureau forecast says fair and cooler weather tomorrow. The temperature is eleven today, it was 43. Showers are predicted this afternoon.

BLACK-HAND REACHES CLIMAX

Fired a Big Double-Deck Tenement on Seventh Avenue, New York, Causing Death of Ten People.

HALF DOZEN INJURED

Firemen and Police Make Serious Rescues—Six Policemen and Ten Firemen Badly Burned.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Depredations of the so-called black-hand reached its climax today when members fired a big double decked seventh avenue tenement, causing the death of ten persons and the probably fatal injury of a half dozen more. But the heroic work of the firemen and police the death list would have reached fifty. Not in years has the city witnessed rescues so sensational. The entire loss by fire is \$5,000. The fire started in the basement of the five story structure and spread up the air shaft, which had been flooded with oil. On the ground floor, was an undertaking establishment and in the apartments overhead lived thirty families. Patrick Monks, care taker of the undertaker's establishment, gave the alarm and attempted to rouse the sleeping families, being driven back by the fire and smoke. While the firemen were working at the front the police attacked the rear. Here the fire escapes were found useless, being piled with rubbish. Policemen Riley, Gallagher and Gentry, went to the third floor of the adjoining house. Gallagher supported by the others swung himself across by the shutters into the window, passing a woman and two children unconscious. Before the extension ladder was placed at the flat floor Fireman Clark and McCarthy ran up the ladder and jumped across the flames, and immediately re-appeared with two unconscious women who were passed to the street. McCarthy also rescued two small children. As he was passing down the ladder a man appeared at the third floor window with a baby. "Here, take this one," he shouted, tossed the child to the fireman who caught it and passed it to the street. Numerous other rescues were fully as sensational. Six policemen and ten firemen were badly burned. Seventeen persons on the fourth and fifth floors were saved by jumping into life nets held by fire men. The firemen soon extinguished the blaze. A search was then made for bodies. Most of the bodies were found in a kneeling attitude of prayer. The police are investigating and arrests are likely.

INDIANA SHOWS SIGNS GOING DRY

Attempt of the Brewers to Defeat the Local Option Law Defeated in the Indiana Legislature.

HE SHOOK MANY HANDS

Grounds at the White House Were Thronged With People Anxious to See the Retiring President.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Roosevelt spent a busy day at the white house and was on the job every minute of the time. When he reached the executive offices today he found several distinguished callers waiting to greet him. The grounds were crowded with people, eager to catch a glimpse of the retiring president. No cards were issued today but the grounds were left open to sightseers. Before ten o'clock the president found it necessary to order the cabinet room opened to relieve the congestion in the main lobby of offices. Several hundred people in detachments of a half dozen or more, headed by senators and representatives were received, the president taking the stand at a point where callers could grasp his hand in passing.

CONFERENCE ON THE WAGE SCALE

Anthracite Operators and United Mine Officials Will Confer on Peace Agreement.

NEW YORK, March 3.—A series of conferences will be held in the next few days between the anthracite operators and United Mine officials, and will probably determine whether or not the peace agreement which expires, will be renewed. President Lewis is expected to arrive here in a few days.

Ambassador Driscum Resigns.

ROME, March 3.—Ambassador Lloyd Driscum today sent in his resignation to Washington in anticipation of the sweeping changes with the incoming of the Taft administration.

FOUR CABINET MEMBERS' WIVES IN WHOM SOCIETY AT WASHINGTON IS INTERESTED.



[Washington, March 3.—Society interest centers just now in the "reorganization" of the social cabinet and particularly in the personalities of the wives of the members of Mr. Taft's cabinet. Of these Mrs. Philander C. Knox is easily the best known woman at the capital. Thousands of persons have remarked upon the boyish appearance of Senator Knox. Mrs. Knox is far more youthful in appearance than her husband. She is one of the most beautiful matrons in Washington's social circle. Another interesting woman in the new cabinet circle is Mrs. Ballinger. She is a scholarly woman of high artistic ideals and is also fond of social life. Her home in Seattle is noted for hospitality. Mrs. Wickersham is a New York woman and a close friend of Mrs. Henry W. Taft. Mr. Wickersham has just bought a home in Washington at a cost of \$100,000 which will be the scene of many society events in the next four years. Mrs. J. M. Dickinson, wife of the new secretary of war is a southern woman of charming personality and a great favorite in Chicago, where she and her husband have resided for several years.]

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BELLIGERENT LEGISLATORS

Lee Brown and Walter Lentz of the Illinois Legislature Have an Encounter in Judicial Room.

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48 COUNTIES NOW DRY

Twenty Other Counties Hold Elections This Month and it is Practically Certain They Will go on Water Wagon.

HAVE BEEN ENEMIES

Brown Choked Lantz Until He Was Black in the Face Before Friends Could Interfere.

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STEPHENSON HELPED CHURCHES

Madison, Wis., March 3.—The investigation of Senator Stephenson's expenses late this afternoon turned contributions to churches. It was found Stephenson made many gifts to church congregations.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL DEFEATED

Wild Confusion Followed Announcement of the Vote Which was 172 For and 185 Against.

A DRAMATIC FEATURE

Representative Goldfogle of New York Brought Into the Hall in an Invalid Chair to Vote.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—At the conclusion of speeches for and against the ship subsidy measure in the house yesterday the roll call was ordered. A scene of wild confusion followed with the announcement of the vote of 172 in the affirmative. The speaker hesitated to get a good breath and then said "175 in the negative." The democratic side of the house broke forth in cheers. Overstreet, in charge of the bill, was recognized, and he asked to be permitted to change his vote. This would have allowed him to reconsider and have another vote on the bill. The speaker informed him that the vote had been announced and his request came too late.

How They Voted.

Thirty republicans voted against the measure and four democrats for it, as follows. Republicans against: Boyle, Nebraska; Burton, Ohio; Campbell, Kansas; Chapman, Illinois; Cook, Colorado; Crumpacker, Indiana; Davidson, Wisconsin; Dawson, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Hinshaw, Nebraska; Hubbard, Iowa; Jenkins, Wisconsin; Knopf, Illinois; Kennedy, Iowa; Kustermann, Wisconsin; Lowden, Illinois; McKinley, Illinois; McLaughlin, Michigan; Martin, South Dakota; Morse, Wisconsin; Murdock, Kansas; Nelson, Wisconsin; Prince, Illinois; Smith, Iowa; Stafford, Wisconsin; Stenerson, Minnesota; Wilson, Illinois; Woodward, W. Virginia; Cary, Wisconsin; Cooper, Wisconsin. Democrats for: Bartlett, Nevada; Estopinal, Louisiana; Hobson, Alabama; Jones Virginia.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The ship subsidy bill, previously passed by the senate, was defeated in the house 172 to 185.

The dramatic feature of the roll call was the appearance in the hall of York, in an invalid chair, he having Representative Goldfogle, of New York brought from the hospital where he had to undergo an operation on his knee cap in order that he might record his name against the bill. Conference reports on agricultural, rivers and harbors and public building bills were agreed to, and the sundry civil bill was sent to conference. After disposing of miscellaneous conference reports on less important measures the house recessed until today.

SUNDAY BASE BALL IN INDIANA

Objections in Former Bill Eliminated and New One Will be Signed by the Governor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 3.

Indiana will have Sunday baseball after all. A new bill with Governor Marshall's objections eliminated was unanimously adopted and passed to engrossment in the senate today. Governor Marshall will sign it.

PRESIDENT PRAISED ADMIRAL SPERRY

Expressed His Approval in the Manner in Which the Fleet Was Handled.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Roosevelt today made public a letter by him to Admiral Sperry, expressing his approval of the manner in which he commanded the fleet on the cruise.

The tenor of the letter was similar to the address at Hampton Roads. The closing says: "In short, your career during my administration has been such as to reflect honor upon the entire naval service."

Lucky Baldwin Worth \$25,000,000.

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—According to statement of Attorney Lee, who drew will of "Lucky" Baldwin, noted fortune teller, left an estate of twenty-five million. The body will be taken to Frisco tomorrow for burial.

PRICES SOARING IN WASHINGTON

Rooms, Seat Stands, Livery Hire and Inaugural Ball, Tickets Selling at Prices Higher Than Ever Before.

FEAR FOR THE WEATHER

Will Cost a Young Man \$23 to Take a Young Lady to the Ball—Price Window Seats Jump.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—A dense fog enveloped the city at daybreak. There is speculation on what the weather will be tomorrow, with a majority believing the outgoing and incoming presidents will be drenched. Prices of rooms and seats in stands continue to soar. The committee sold almost all tickets for the ball tomorrow night. It costs a young man \$23 to take a young lady to the function. Itemized it is about like this: Tickets to the ball, \$5 each \$10.00 Supper, \$1.50 per plate 3.00 Carriage, \$10 10.00 Total \$23.00 Other times of the year one could get a carriage for five dollars but the liverymen are following the lead of others and doubling their tariff. The \$23 does not include flowers for the girl. The price of seats at windows from which to view the parade jumped about 50 per cent in the last twenty-four hours. An ad in a local paper this morning offers four seats in the stand opposite the president's box for \$40. The seats there when first sold cost from \$3 to \$5. John Hayes Hammond, president of the league of republican clubs, gave up \$700 for a second story front room opposite the treasury building.

Almost all the governor and staffs are due here on the ground, among them is Deneen of Illinois.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight. Rising temperature Thursday. For Illinois: Fair rain deceiver tonight. Thursday fair and warmer north and central portions. For Iowa: Fair with cooler east portion tonight. Thursday fair with rising temperature. For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday. Cooler east portion tonight. Warmer Thursday afternoon.

Weather Conditions.

There have been light rains in the lake region, the Ohio valley and the Atlantic states, with a storm central in the lower lake region, and it is slightly warmer in the eastern portion of the country. Generally fair, cooler weather, with brisk west to northwest winds, is following the storm center, with a large area of high barometer over the western plateau region. There have been light rains on the Pacific coast, with a low barometer in Oregon and a moderately high barometer in California. Generally fair weather is indicated for this section tonight and Thursday, temperature below the freezing point tonight, becoming warmer during Thursday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage, Height, Change, We'll'r.			
St. Paul	..... 14	Frozen	....
Clyd La Crosse	..... 12	Frozen	....
Clyd Davenport	..... 15	4.6	-0.9
Clyd Galloway	..... 8	3.9	x0.2
Keokuk	..... 15	6.7	-0.1
Clyd St. Louis	..... 30	14.2	-0.4
Clyd C. B. & Q. Bridge, Burlington, Iowa,			
March 2.—The present stage of the river is 5 feet 8 1/2 inches above low water mark, a fall of 2 1/2 inches since last report.			

Local Observations.

March	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather
2 7 p. m.	29.81	53	NW	PtC
3 7 p. m.	29.95	36	NW	Clear
River above low water of 1864, 6 feet, 7 tenths.				
Change in 24 hours, fall, 1 tenth.				
Mar. 2				
Mean temperature, 47.				
Maximum temperature, 62.				
Minimum temperature, 32.				
FRED Z GOSEWISCH, Observer.				