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PEPPER DIED IN HOSPITAL

Democratic Congressman From Second District of Iowa Was Victim of Typhoid Fever.

AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Was Farmer Boy and Did Not Complete Law Studies Until After He Was Elected.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLANTON, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Congressman I. S. Pepper died in a local hospital at 4:50 this morning after a long siege of typhoid fever. Complications set in during the last week of his illness which hastened the end. Congressman Pepper was serving his second term as representative from the second district of Iowa. Mr. Pepper was born at Drakeville, Davis county, Iowa, June 10, 1876. He was one of a family of nine children and during the early days of his childhood, attended a school and worked on his father's farm. After graduation from normal school he became a teacher and later principal of a school district. He was the democratic choice for county superintendent of schools in 1898, when he got his first taste of politics. He got his office and served for several years. He moved to Muscatine in 1901 and in 1902 entered the summer course of the law department at Drake university. Not until he was elected to congress did he complete his law studies; that was in 1905.

WILL WORK ON TRUST MESSAGE

Now President Wilson Will Spend His Spare Moments During His Vacation.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—While President Wilson will spend most of his time resting at Pass Christian, he will map out part of his anti-trust message during odd moments. It became known today that the executive office employees are compiling data on trust decisions for his use and that the president's stenographer will make the trip with him.

The president hopes to read his recommendations for strengthening the Sherman law to congress shortly after it reconvenes in January.

A private telegraph line will connect the president with the white house while he is absent.

Bullet in His Bible.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BLAIRSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 22.—Anti-saloon forces and churchmen today raised a large fund to employ detectives to investigate the attempted assassination late Sunday of Rev. Robert E. McClure, pastor of the United Brethren church and anti-saloon leader. A Bible he carried in his left arm saved the preacher's life. One of two bullets fired at him punctured the book and dropped without inflicting injuries.

Visiting Her Husband.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Wm. Ellis Corey who was Mabelle Gillman, the actress, is in New York today to spend the holiday season with her husband, former head of the steel trust. Mrs. Corey arrived here from the Chateau de Villages at Chaumont. She had nothing to say as to the possibility of her appearing in grand opera and is believed to have abandoned the plan.

PARADE OF WILD ANIMALS FOLLOWED TRAIN TO TOWN

Two Hundred Hungry Deer Whose Feeding Grounds Were All Over Snow.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 22.—That two hundred hungry antelope, deer and other wild animals followed his train into Texas Creek, Colo., during the last snow storm, was the story told by Wm. Whalem, railway conductor today.

REPRIMAND IS ISSUED

President Decides to Tell Carabao Club Members That They Did Not Act Nicely.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson this afternoon issued a general reprimand to officers of the army and navy responsible for the program at the recent Carabao dinner.

The president made his comment in a letter to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels in part as follows:

"The officers who were responsible for the program of the evening are certainly deserving of a very serious reprimand, which I hereby request to be administered, and I cannot rid myself of a feeling of great disappointment that the general body of officers assembled at the dinner should have greeted the carrying out of such a program with apparent indifference to the fact that it violated some of the dignified and sacred traditions of the service.

"I am told that the songs and other amusements of the evening were regarded as 'fun.' What are we to think of officers of the army and navy of the United States who think it 'fun' to bring their official superior into ridicule and the policies of the government which they are sworn to serve with unquestionable loyalty, into contempt? If this is their idea of fun, what's their idea of duty? If they do not hold their loyalty above all silly effervescence of childhood, what idea about their profession do they hold?"

"My purpose therefore in administering this reprimand is to recall the men who are responsible for this lowering of standard to their ideals; to remind them of the high conscience with which they ought to put duty above personal indulgence and to think of themselves as responsible men and trusted soldiers, even while they are amusing themselves as diners out.

"The officers who will be formally reprimanded by Secretary Garrison and Daniels as a result of the president's direction, include the entire banquet committee, according to the view of officials this afternoon. This committee had as members many of the highest army and navy officers here including Rear Admiral Thos. B. Howard, Major General W. P. Bidgley, recently commanding of the marine corps; Brigadier General Frank McIntyre, chief of the insular bureau, and Colonel H. O. Heistand, adjutant general of the army.

SUMMON AMBULANCE BY WIRELESS

New Use Put to Equipment on Lackawanna Trains While Speeding Through Country.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—New use for the wireless equipment of Lackawanna trains has been found today. An ambulance was waiting at the station when the flyer from New York pulled in here, a wireless sent from the speeding train, having informed the hospital authorities of the illness of a passenger.

The wireless, now used for the transmission of train orders and receiving United Press dispatches, also serves for the transmission of private messages.

Christmas in Jail.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—With her two children, Nardino, aged 2, and Charles, aged 3, Mrs. Proposa Colombo will spend Christmas in the county jail. Mrs. Colombo, a young widow, shot, killing Domingo Gentile, her brother-in-law early today because she alleged he beat her sister. At her request her children will be placed in the cell with her.

LOOTING IS NOT TO BE ALLOWED

General Villa Issues Orders That Anyone Caught Will be Promptly Hanged.

ADVANCE ON TAMPICO

Financial Ruin of Mexico is Sure to Come Unless Huerta Gets Out by First of Year.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 22.—There will be no more looting or confiscation of property in Chihuahua, according to announcement today by General Pancho Villa. Dispatches from there reported that he had publicly executed six rebel soldiers caught looting, as an example to their fellows.

"Any one who loots or molests property of foreigners or Mexicans will be executed," reads Villa's latest order. The right to confiscate property will rest only with the provisional government.

The protest by the United States government against confiscation of Spanish property, is believed to have caused the order. It is estimated the rebels have already taken \$6,000,000 worth of property.

General Luis Ferrazas today declared he is willing to pay the \$250,000 ransom demanded for the release of his son Luis Ferrazas, Jr., imprisoned at Chihuahua.

Impending Attack.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—The impending renewed attack on Tampico was expected today, according to private advices received at the capital. Six American warships, under Rear Admiral Fletcher, are massed off the port and the German cruiser Bremen is on her way there from Vera Cruz. The rebels are reported to be in possession of all the country around Tampico, heavily reinforced by men and artillery and were said to have already begun their advance on the town.

The decisive defeat of the government party by the workingmen—modified socialist—in yesterday's municipal election is regarded highly significant of the growing hatred for the Huerta government. Members of the city council and workmen won by a huge majority. Carlos Perla, chairman of the council and a government man decided seats should be equally divided. Workmen refused this but were forced to give up several seats. They still retain a majority. General Salzarin inflicted a severe defeat on the rebels at Bermejillos, according to a government dispatch today. General Rasgado, it was stated, will go to the relief of Colonel Colicun.

Italy Recognizes Huerta.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 22.—Senator Gambrigo, the newly appointed Italian minister to Mexico arrived here today from Havana and will proceed to Mexico City where he will present his credentials to General Huerta. On the way over, Gambiasso was halted at Havana by wireless instructions, while his government considered the protests of the United States against Italian recognition of Huerta. The minister was ordered to proceed, however, which was taken to indicate that Italy would recognize the dictator.

Financial Ruin.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 22.—The elimination of General Huerta by January 1, is the only thing that can avert the complete financial wreck of Mexico, in the opinion of business men in Mexico City and throughout the republic. It was learned from semi-official source here today that business men of the capital, acting with those in Vera Cruz and elsewhere, are planning to lay the proposition before General Huerta, asking him to get out, on the ground that a crash of all banks is inevitable if he remains in office.

Found in an Alley.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Wearing only a small waitress' apron, an unidentified woman, about 35 years of age, was found lying in an alley at 519 Root street early today, unconscious from a scalp wound and half frozen. She was taken to a hospital where it is said she would die from exposure.

ROBBED ONLY THE DENTISTS

Man Arrested in Illinois Might be the Fellow Who Recently Turned Trick in Keokuk.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 22.—On a tip furnished by a Belvidere dentist, the police today arrested a man they believe they know something of numerous robberies of dentists' offices throughout the middle west. He gave his name as Edmund B. Waller, expert accountant, living at 2028 Rice street, Chicago, and said he was enroute to Freeport to audit the books of the Freeport Milling company. Freeport police reported there is no such concern there. A set of burglar tools and a medal issued by the Ohio Dental college to Walter Meeker in 1897 were found on the prisoner the police say.

A Belvidere dentist identified the prisoner as a man who called at his office two years ago. The office was robbed on the night of the man's visit.

Big Rat Killing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The mythical Pied Piper of Hamelin has been outdone by the farmers in this section. They killed over 30,000 rats in a hunt lasting a week. A banquet was given the winning team of rat hunters.

An Italian Protest.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Further protest against the proposed Dilligham bill providing for American immigration inspectors on foreign ships, was lodged with the state department today by the Italian ambassador.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday with possible snow flurries. Somewhat higher temperature. Light to moderate variable winds. For Illinois: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday with possible snow flurries. Somewhat higher temperature tonight and north portion Tuesday. For Iowa: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday with possible snow flurries, south and east portion. Somewhat higher temperature. Light to moderate variable winds becoming southerly.

Weather Conditions.

The weather is fair and cool from the upper Mississippi to the eastern states with high pressure in the lake region.

A depression in the western gulf is attended by light rain in that region and is causing unsettled weather in the lower Mississippi valley and southern plains, with snow at Dodge City, Kan., this morning. Rain attends a marked disturbance on the northwestern coast, and under its influence the temperature has risen slightly in the northern mountain region. Conditions indicate unsettled weather, and possibly snow flurries for this section tonight and Tuesday, with little change in temperature.

Daily River Bulletin.

St. Paul	14	...	Clear
La Crosse	12	2.0	-0.3 Clear
Dubuque	18	3.4	-0.3 Clear
Davenport	15	2.9	-0.2 Clear
Keokuk	14	2.8	-0.3 Clear
St. Louis	30	4.7	-0.4 City

River Forecast.

The river will continue to fall slowly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations.

Dec. 21 7 p.m.	30.25	25	W	Clear
22 7 a.m.	30.27	26	NE <th>Clear</th>	Clear

Mean temperature, Dec. 21, 22. Highest temperature, 28. Lowest temperature, 15. Lowest temperature last night, 18. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

ONLY 2 More Shopping Days Until Christmas

BEHIND THE CLOSED DOOR

Secret Suite of Rooms at Rear of Lawer's Office Found When He Died.

WOMAN WAS INMATE

Said She Had Lived There For Fifteen Years But Had Not Killed the Attorney.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—While his stricken widow and the coroner and sheriff stood by a sofa on which Melvin H. Couch, former associate of Alton B. Parker and once district attorney, was found dead in his office here today, a mysterious woman and a complete housekeeping suite were discovered adjoining the office.

As Mrs. Couch fainted away, the woman said she was Josephine M. Brance and that she had occupied the secret rooms for fifteen years. The coroner and the sheriff, life friends of Couch, had never heard of her and knew nothing of the rooms. She was locked up as a suspicious person.

Mrs. Couch, summoned to the office when her husband was found dead, told the officers of the locked door at the back of the office which she said the lawyer never allowed her to enter. The sheriff peered over the transom and saw a disheveled, tearful woman crouching in the corner.

"Do not hurt me, I'll come out. I did not do it," she shrieked, and unlocked the door. She was not young and was poorly dressed. She said she had occupied the rooms daily and nightly but nobody ever saw her enter or leave the building. The woman talked incoherently and refused to answer many questions. She said she found Couch dead in the outer office when she came in to awaken him in the early morning.

FIND SUBSTITUTE FOR RADIUM

New Substance Has Same Curative Action on Cancer and is Easier Made.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—A substitute for radium—mesothorium—which has the same curative action on cancer, will be manufactured here during 1914. Like radium, it is the discovery of Mme. Curie, but has never been produced extensively. Such was the substance of a statement by Dr. Harlan S. Miner, analytical chemist for a large manufacturing concern, today. Mesothorium is so much quicker and easier to manufacture that it is estimated the world's supply of the cancer cure will be doubled within twelve months. The substance is derived from thorium and the company owns large mines containing this mineral in North and South Carolina.

The only radium deposits in the United States are in Colorado.

How to Prevent War.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Stop chewing gum, quit fighting John Barleycorn and use the money thus saved in building battleships, was the advice given by Hudson Maxim at a Sunday "peace service" held in the New York theatre. "Americans spend \$30,000,000 yearly for chewing gum and \$20,000,000 for intoxicants," declared Maxim. "This is enough to build over 200 battleships. And the only way to prevent war is to be ready for it."

Many Cancer Patients.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—So great is the demand for treatment of cancers by radium that the supply in the Oncologic hospital in West Philadelphia is in constant use every hour of the day and night. One hundred patients are being treated there. It was stated at the institution today. This hospital has the third largest supply in the country.

Postponed Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Owing to the fact that the senate probably will adjourn immediately after the closing of the currency question, President Wilson it was stated today, will not fill the vacancies on the interstate commerce commission until after his return from Pass Christian, Miss.

AN IMPETUS TO BUSINESS

Undermyer Says New Currency Bill is Going to Make Things Better Than Ever Before.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A new and healthful impetus to business will result from the enactment of the currency bill in the opinion of Samuel Undermyer, who conducted the congressional investigation of the money trust and who has been in close touch with the framers of the new currency law throughout its consideration in congress. In an interview with the United Press, Undermyer said:

"As a consistent champion from the beginning of the fundamental principles of a government currency controlled absolutely by the government I of course regard the enactment of the currency bill as a great triumph for popular government. It is a landmark in our economic history and signifies a new era in our financial development. It is the entering wedge of laws to decentralize the concentration of control of credit in the hands of a few men. Its virtues as an anti-trust measure is quite as important as the advance it marks in the field of financial reform. The bill contains many admirable features that have not yet been sufficiently recognized. Among them may be mentioned the establishment of a national clearing house for the collection of checks. If fearlessly administered without regard to the selfish methods of banks, this innovation should alone lift from the commerce of the country an annual burden of approximately \$50,000,000. It will also relieve the small banks in the great cities from the intolerable despotism and espionage of the great banks that are the controlling spirits of the clearing house associations.

"The result that is now accomplished demonstrates once more the great value of full public discussion of our economic problems. We are once more reminded that the people are quick to understand and interest themselves in the most abstruse and technical subjects and that they may be relied upon to unmask dishonest argument, enacted by selfish interests. For instance it has become the insistent demand of banking associations of the country for representation on the federal reserve board and the repeated denunciation of the administration by resolutions, these associations for refusal, accede the demand. It constituted the burden of opposition at the outset but went down under the batteries of reason and logic that were leveled against it. We are at the end of a period in our history when the resources of our country will be driven by defective laws into the maelstrom of Wall street speculation and into the control of the few men who dominate the Wall street banks and at the very time when these resources are most needed to conduct legitimate business in sections from which they are drawn.

"No legitimate industry need fear the effect, or accommodation to which it is entitled, or tremble in the light of money crop moving periods. Our currency will now expand and contract in response to legitimate commercial needs and the money of the nation will cease to be the tool and the toy of a handful of manipulators. "I look forward to a new and healthful impetus of business in the near future as the result of this great accomplishment which will redound to the everlasting credit of every one who has had the good fortune to be concerned in it."

Wants His Father.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 22.—The Boulder police are looking for T. E. Bennett in response to the pleadings of Bennett's boy, who is on his death bed in Sioux City, Iowa. The letter written by the mother of the dying boy describes Bennett as being 35 years old and about 5 feet, 10 inches tall.

People Shopped Early and Mailed Packages Promptly

New York Postoffice is Not Rushed Because Public Was Prompt.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—No unusual Christmas rush of mail was evidenced in the central postoffice or any of its sub-stations here today. Postmaster Morgan attributes this partly to the notices that were sent out early in the month, asking people to send their packages early with markings "not to be opened until Christmas." "Although there is no congestion in the handling of mail here so far," he said today, "more packages than ever before are being sent by mail, due to the parcel post, and fewer post cards than in past years. "Four hundred extra men are employed here to handle the Christmas mail. Clerks are working over-time and will from now until the holidays are over, but this year they are being paid for over-time work, another innovation in the department."

MONEY MEASURE SIGNED AT ONCE

President Wilson Awaiting its Adoption With His Pen Jabbed in the Ink Bottle.

BEEN KEPT INFORMED

Immediate Recess of Congress Until January 12 or 19 to Follow Attaching of Signature.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson discovered today he would have to name a comptroller of currency before he could go ahead with the organization of forces under the new currency bill. Thomas P. Kane is now acting comptroller, and because the president is desirous of putting the new currency bill into effect at once it was stated that he might ask the senate to confirm a comptroller before the holiday recess.

The president told callers today he would sign the currency bill the moment he receives it. He has been kept informed of all changes made by conferees and approves of their compromise measure. He was understood to have expressed particular satisfaction at the inclusion in the measure of "organization commission" plan. This will give him time in which to consider the best men for the federal reserve board without delaying the operation of the law. The president anticipates he will sign the bill tomorrow and indicates he will issue a statement at that time outlining what he expects the measure to accomplish.

The currency bill will be finally ratified by congress today and probably signed at once, permitting an immediate recess of congress until January 12 or 19, according to indications early today when the conferees met to put the final touches on their report. The compromise measure framed by the committee is not expected to arouse opposition in the house. In the senate, a bitter fight may develop on the committee's action eliminating the upper house's provision for a guarantee of bank deposits. The principal compromises agreed upon by the conferees include in addition to the elimination of a guarantee plank:

Rejection of the provision permitting use of new federal reserve notes as reserves by member banks, attacked in the house as likely to cause inflation. A new section for retirement of outstanding government two per cent bonds. Secretary of agriculture removed from federal reserve board. Senate provision for "not less than eight or more than twelve," reserve banks, approved. Minimum capital stock of regional reserve banks made \$4,000,000. Federal reserve board members to be chosen according to financial as well as geographical divisions. Gold reserve behind new currency notes to be 40 per cent. Members of federal reserve board prohibited from becoming officers of member banks for more than two years after retirement from the board. Republican members of the conferees committee were called into today's meeting—the first they have been permitted to participate in the framing of the conference bill. Most of them were angry. "It's the first time in eighteen years that the minority party members of a conferees committee have been barred on any other than party questions," declared Senator Nelson. "I hope to live until

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