

TAFT IS TIRED OF LAGGING PACE OF INTEREST KEEN IN PLAINS MEETING

EXHIBITS EXTREME IMPATIENCE AT DEGREE OF PROGRESS MADE BY CONGRESS. SECOND DAY OF SESSION OF HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IS SUCCESSFUL.

TALKS TO THE LEADERS TRAINS BRING SPEAKERS

President Calls Them to the White House and Gives Them to Understand That They Must Get Busy Right Now and Do Something Toward Party's Campaign Pledges.

Washington, Feb. 16.—In effect, President Taft said to some of the senate leaders whom he called to the White House today:

"Why don't you push measures to redeem party pledges while the house is dealing with appropriation bills? You are moving too slowly."

It is said he exhibited extreme impatience with the enactment of administration bills. By way of result the senators were able to announce tonight the following:

"The almost hopeless tangle in which the Root and Smoot amendments have ensnared the postal savings bank bill will receive attention at a conference tomorrow in the rooms of the finance committee, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman. When whipped into shape, the postal savings bank bill is to displace the Alaskan legislative council bill as the unfinished business, and the latter is to be laid aside as involving problems that cannot be solved at the present season."

The administration railroad bill is to be reported from the committee on interstate commerce next week and force put behind it to pass it without material amendment. The several conservation bills are to be perfected by a special committee of western senators, appointed today by Chairman Nelson from the membership of the committee on public lands and these are to be reported to the senate as rapidly as completed."

To Be Considered. "The administration railroad bill is considered by the judiciary committee next Monday. Statehood legislation, which already has been reported from the committee on territories, is not to be permitted to lag, and probably will receive attention as soon as the postal savings bank bill is out of the way. This program includes neither the federal incorporation bill nor ship subsidy legislation, although the latter is likely to pass the senate without much debate. It will meet difficult hurdles in the house."

Senators Carter, Borah and Beveridge carried from the capitol President Taft's views of the delays encountered by bills contained in his program. They reported that there could be no mistaking the president's temper. The postal savings bank bill gave him the most concern. It is said, because the opposition that had developed to such legislation did not appear to him based on sound principles. When the senate adjourned today the postal savings bank bill was in such a tangle that no one was willing to prophesy its outcome. In truth, the adjournment was brought about chiefly because the senate was not ready to face the situation in reference to this bill, and there was nothing else that could be considered, as the Alaskan bill was in a snarl even more intricate.

FATE OF THE NINA MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

Washington, Feb. 16.—Hope of solving the fate of the little tug Nina practically has been abandoned by the United States navy, and the problem will probably go down in history among the unfortunates of the sea. In the opinion of the navy department, she foundered, carrying down her entire crew of 22 men, between Hog Island and Winter Quarter shoals light vessel, off Delaware, on February 6 or 7.

The department is awaiting reports from the battleship Louisiana and from the scout cruiser Salem. No word was received from either vessel today. It reports tomorrow indicate that the search has been fruitless the active search will be abandoned.

"WETS" WIN VICTORY.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16.—The "wets" won a pronounced victory in the senate today when, by a vote of 18 to 14, the Dean bill, amending the Rose county local option law, so as to exempt cities from its operation, were sent to the committee on municipal affairs, an avowedly "wet" committee.

TRAFFIC HINDERED.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 16.—A storm that struck central and western Oklahoma today has interfered with railroad traffic.

At the state agricultural college it is predicted there will be a heavy loss of livestock on the ranges in western Oklahoma.

NEGRO HERB "DOCTOR" TELLS OF TREATING SWOPE FAMILY

How the Colored "Minister of Medicine" Obtained From \$10,000 to \$20,000 in Eight Years Through Prescribing for Various Members of the Household, Is Related by the Advocate of Herb Treatments.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—How Chesling Hatred Chase Jordan, a negro of Kansas City, Kan., who advertised himself as "minister of medicine, medical doctor and doctor of liver and gall stones," a minister of herb treatment compounded by himself, obtained from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in eight years for doctoring members of the Swope family, was told by the "doctor" today. He was called to give a deposition in the slander suit brought by Dr. B. C. Hyde against John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate.

"The doctor's name was first brought into the Swope case when Mrs. B. C. Hyde issued a statement expressing confidence in her husband's innocence and saying that Christian Swope used Jordan's remedies. Jordan gave his deposition after much protest, as he claimed his ministering to the Swope family had nothing to do with the case. Jordan testified that his medicines were harmless 'yarns' as he called them. He said they were compounded from roots and herbs obtained in foreign countries and dug in the woods near here."

"But how could you tell whether these herbs were poisonous?" Attorney Frank P. Walsh asked him. "Why, that's easy," replied Jordan. "I'd chew them. If they didn't hurt me, certainly they were not poisonous and certainly they would not hurt my patients. That's the theory I work on."

The herbman claims to be a South American. He was raised by a negro, named Eli Jordan in Texas. There is no record of his having a physician's license in Kansas.

Six witnesses testified at a short session of the grand jury today. They were Dr. W. T. Twyman, Swope family physician; O. E. Gentry, a druggist of Independence, of whom Colonel Swope purchased a compound containing strychnine; Benjamin Smith and R. C. Fields, undertaker's assistants, who added in the removal of Colonel Swope's body from the vault; Sylvester Spangler, Colonel Swope's confidential agent, and John G. Paxton. As previously announced, the preliminary hearing of Dr. B. C. Hyde, set for tomorrow morning in Independence, will be continued probably for one week.

COUNTRY IS SWEEPED BY A SEVERE STORM

BLIZZARD RAGES IN PLACES AND HEAVY SNOWFALL COVERS OTHER STATES.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A severe storm, amounting in some places to a blizzard and bringing to other localities a heavy downfall of snow, driven by a wind of almost hurricane violence, swept over the west, northwest and southwest today and tonight is moving rapidly eastward. The storm extended as far east as Indianapolis, where nine inches of snow fell. Twelve inches of snow is reported at Terre Haute. Reaching into Oklahoma with a violent hail and sleet downfall into northern Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri and Minnesota, the storm played havoc with the Rocky Mountain states, where it delayed for hours transcontinental passenger trains.

At Denver, in the 24 hours ending today, the temperature dropped 58 degrees. In other Colorado cities the storm unroofed buildings and blew in windows. In the mountains the wind blew 75 miles an hour. In Wyoming a drop of 12 degrees was reported. At Cheyenne it was four degrees below zero and at Lander six degrees below zero. Heavy loss of livestock was feared in Oklahoma, where the wind and sleet made suffering intense. Much suffering was also reported in Kansas and Missouri.

Seattle reported that Northern Pacific trains due there were from seven to 14 hours late on account of the heavy snow in Montana.

JURY WILL RESUME MEAT INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Feb. 17.—How many "independent" packing houses are there in this country and what proportion of the meat business do they handle? This will be the trend of questioning tomorrow before the federal grand jury that is investigating the so-called beef trust. At the close of today's session, Patrick Brennan, president of the Independent Packing company, was summoned. With evidence already obtained from James Sager, president of the Western Packing & Provision company, another so-called "independent," it is expected the jurors will be put into possession of facts relative to what competition, if any, has existed in the meat business.

PIONEER MORMON DEAD.

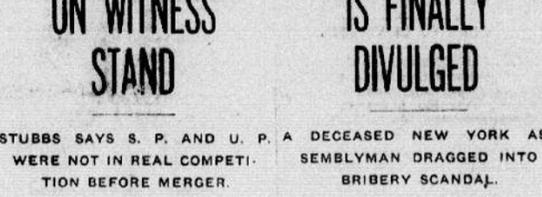
Ogden, Utah, Feb. 16.—Samuel Fletcher, who dug the first shovel of earth for the Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City, and who was a member of Brigham Young's body-guard, died here today, aged 71 years. He crossed the plains with an ox team in 1829 and served with credit in the Black Hawk Indian war.



DOCTOR B. C. HYDE.



MRS. B. C. HYDE.



MISS LUCIE LEE SWOPE.

TRAFFIC DIRECTOR NAME ON ENVELOPE IS FINALLY DIVULGED

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The name on another Hiram Moe envelope was spoken at the legislative bribery investigation today. The manner of its revelation showed that the weight of evidence descending alike upon Senator Benn Conger and Senator Jotham P. Aldis, accused and accused, has driven them, in desperation, to distribute the blame. The name heard today was that of Jean Burnett, once assemblyman from Ontario county, who died in Albany in the legislative session in 1907. The story Conger and Moe told last week was that the \$6,000 sent to Albany by the American Bridge company on April 23, 1901, was divided into three envelopes. Aldis, they say, got the first envelope containing \$1,000. The second envelope held \$4,000 and the third \$1,000.

If the words spoken by Conger on the stand today are true, this third envelope was given to Burnett.

PIPER IS ARRESTED FOR PASSING CHECKS

Richmond, Ind., Feb. 16.—George M. Piper, arrested at Hartford, Conn., today, has been sought by the Richmond police for several months. Piper formerly was a traveling salesman for a lawnmower works and had obtained thousands of dollars through passing worthless checks. It is said, a few days ago a check made out on a Second Avenue National bank draft for \$200 was received here from Portland, Ore. Another for \$200, forwarded from Portland, was cashed by a hardware firm in that city. Later a check for \$500 was received from Blount, Mont. All the checks were protested and returned with the information that Piper had no money in the Richmond bank.

THE POWDER MAGNATE ON WITNESS STAND

New York, Feb. 16.—So deaf from explosions that he could not understand the questions of counsel except by aid of a special telephone, Alfred I. Dupont, vice president of the E. I. Dupont-De Nemours Powder company, took the stand today to explain how the companies controlled by himself have in three generations grown to such power that the government seeks to have them separated as a combination in restraint of trade. The Dupont-De Nemours company is allied with the Dupont International Powder company, the International Smokeless Powder company and the Delaware Securities company.

H. M. Barksdale, another vice president of the company, denied that the Dupont companies control the world's supply of glycerine.

BUTTE MINE ENGINEERS WALK OUT ON A STRIKE

Members of International Union Refuse to Report at Their Posts for Duty.

THE MINING INDUSTRY IS SEVERELY CRIPPLED

The Amalgamated and Red Metal Companies Are Using a Force of Only One Thousand Men Out of a Total Normal Complement of Eight Thousand Workmen—Situation May Improve Soon.

Butte, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Out of a total force of 8,000 the Amalgamated company and the Red Metals company are today using 1,000 men as a result of the partial paralysis of the mining industries of Butte, which was occasioned today when the engineers belonging to the new International union, No. 138, refused to show up at their posts.

Manager Gillie this evening stated that the outlook is very bad. The Buffalo shaft, which was operated today, will be closed down tonight, as there will be no engineers to hoist the shift which goes on late. Thirteen out of 72 first-motion engineers were on their jobs today, and it is estimated that 450 men walked out and quit their jobs, including engineers, firemen, oilers and wipers.

For the position of oilers, firemen and wipers it is easy to get men to take their places. In fact, there are six applicants for every job. But with first-motion men it is different. Officers of the Miners' union stated that there were many engineers available, but when it came to an issue, only one man was located and he was sent to work at the Leonard.

No Trouble. The situation is acute, but there is no semblance of trouble. Everywhere one turns the engineers' trouble is discussed. The ore cars of the Butte Reduction works are still running and the smelter is in active operation. The East Butte company, formerly the Pittsford, is unaffected by the strike and is in active operation. A committee representing Engineers' Union, No. 83, Western Federation of Miners, waited on John Gillie, general superintendent of the Amalgamated Copper company, this afternoon and offered him a number of engineers who were willing to go on duty at once. The committee assured Mr. Gillie that the union would furnish other men, and its members expressed confidence in being able to supply all the engineers required. The Western Federation men are confident that many of the international engineers who failed to report today will show up for duty later in the week when they learn that the mines can be operated.

"I expect the mines to resume with their full force in a short time," said President Dan Holland of the Miners' union today. "We have plenty of firemen and pumpmen to man every mine in this city, but the engineers are more difficult to get, and we will need a little time before we can fill the places of all who walked out today. I feel confident that the Western Federation will win, and will be able to supply all the engineers needed."

Can Get Men. Judging from the number of firemen, pumpmen and second-class engineers that reported for work at the Miners' Union hall today, said John C. Lowmyer this afternoon, "it will not be long before all the mines are working full blast again. There is a shortage of engineers at present, but the vacancies can be filled, if the companies desire it, with experienced and competent men, and will be able to come to Butte and work."

A committee from International Union, No. 138, called on Superintendent Gillie today, but under a misapprehension of fact. The union understood that Mr. Gillie desired a conference, while on the other hand, the superintendent had been told that a committee desired to meet him. The meeting resulted in nothing, neither the committee nor Mr. Gillie having anything to propose.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL SIXTH MAN IN CASE HERSELF TO DIE

MISS A. L. ELKINS, NIECE OF SENATOR ELKINS FIRES BULLET INTO BODY.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—A few hours after giving what she believed to be a farewell party to a score of friends, Miss Agnes Leslie Elkins, 26 years of age, a niece of Senator Stephen D. Elkins of West Virginia, attempted suicide by shooting in her apartment in a hotel here today. The wound will not prove fatal. In a letter addressed to the newspapers which Miss Elkins wrote after dismissing her guests, she said:

"I simply was tired of life and the struggle for existence was more than I could meet."

But friends of the young woman say disappointment because her relatives objected to her choosing a theatrical career was the true cause. Miss Elkins has studied music for several years. She was an accomplished singer. Recently she obtained a minor part with a theatrical company in New York, intending to adopt a stage career. Her relatives protested. She gave up the engagement. Senator Elkins is executor for Miss Elkins' father's estate and it is said he used his influence to prevent her from becoming an actress.

Miss Elkins' parents are dead. The family came to Kansas City several years ago.

COMMITTEE HOLDS A BRIEF SESSION

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee was in session for three hours today and then adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Vertrees, attorney for Secretary Ballinger, continued his cross-examination of Louis R. Glavis, but made little headway. He argued several times with the witness on the subject of direct answers and in one of these disputes, Representative Graham of Illinois, a democrat, and Senator Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the committee had a warm colloquy.

Mr. Vertrees read into the records today a number of letters and telegrams dealing with the calling in of the forest service by Glavis.

Butte, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Rod Leggett received a telegram this afternoon telling of the death of Paul A. Fusz in St. Louis today. He had been ill only a little while. The funeral will be held Friday.