

THE WASHINGTON HERALD

NO. 2703

WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1914. -FOURTEEN PAGES.

ONE CENT.

WOMAN KNOWS BENTON STORY

Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler Hendrix, of Washington, May Testify.

AMERICAN HELD AS SPY

E. W. Dent Detained in Federal Prison for Six Weeks as Rebel Agent.

"A Devotee of the Doctrine."

London, March 3.—The leading cartoon in Punch this week shows Villa holding a smoking revolver in one hand and with the other laying a wreath at the foot of the Monroe Monument, which bears the inscription: "To the memory of President James Monroe, doctrine, 1783-1831; no European intervention." The wreath is tied with a ribbon inscribed: "Grateful homage from Gen. Villa." The caption under the cartoon says: "A devotee of the doctrine."

El Paso, March 3.—A woman was present when William S. Benton called on the rebel chief, Pancho Villa, at Juarez on February 17. She was in Villa's office. What she knows of the circumstances of the killing she has not told. The American commission detailed on the investigation may get her story.

The woman is Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler Hendrix, formerly of Washington, who now lives at Teleta, Tex. She declines to say anything about the tragedy, but admits going to Juarez and having returned to the American side hurriedly.

E. W. Dent, former superintendent of construction work on the Mexican National Railroad, Torreon division, has been a prisoner of the Mexican federales under Gen. Refugio Velasco for the last six weeks, charged with being a constitutional spy, according to Americans who arrived here today from Torreon.

Every effort has been made by the American and foreign consuls at Torreon to induce the federales to either release the American or give him a trial, so that he can prove himself innocent of the charge and be released, but so far these efforts have been unsuccessful.

Consul Hamm, of Durango, has also given up the case and is trying to obtain the release of the American.

Dent, according to the Americans, since leaving the employ of the railroad company, has been purchasing hides in the Torreon and Durango districts, and marketing them in the United States. At the time he was arrested in Torreon he was there purchasing hides, and had a large sum of money on his person to pay for them.

American's Body Found.
Because of the conditions, he was forced to travel from constitutional territory, in which the city of Durango is located, to federal territory, in which Torreon is now situated, and the federales arrested him on suspicion of being a spy.

The body of E. J. McCutcheon, American engineer on the Mexican Northwest passenger train burned in Cumbre Tunnel, was discovered today by workmen clearing away the wreckage. Nothing was left of the body but a few charred bones. The remains were identified by a gold watch and a bunch of keys.

Benton Commission Waiting.
No word has been received from George C. Carothers, special agent in the Department of Justice, who left last night to confer with Carranza, and members of the commission appointed to investigate.

NINE COAL MINERS DROWN.
Rush of Water Traps 350 Men, Who Narrowly Escape Death.
Brussels, Belgium, March 3.—Three hundred and fifty coal miners were trapped today by a rush of water in a mine at Bracquignies in the province of Hainaut when a subterranean stream burst through the walls of one of the chambers.

Within a few hours the bodies of nine men, who had been drowned, were recovered. The danger alarm was sounded as soon as the inflow of water began.

Many miners were able to reach the surface, but others were cut off by the filling chamber and the water is unknown. One dispatch from the scene indicated that 350 men had met death. When this was received the minister of industry immediately left for the scene.

HONOR FOR AMBASSADOR.

Walter Hines Page to Receive Degree from Aberdeen.
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, March 3.—Walter Hines Page, Ambassador to the Court of St. James, is to receive a honorary degree of doctor of literature from the University of Aberdeen.

Andrew Carnegie and Viscount Bryce are virtually engaged in choosing between themselves for the position of chancellor of the University of Aberdeen, the late Lord Strathcona. Both were invited to become candidates and both accepted provisionally.

After exchanging views upon the question it is said Carnegie has decided to withdraw and allow the former Ambassador to the United States a clear field.

VOTES OR FIGHT, WOMEN'S THREAT

"Remember Ides of November," Suffragist Tells House Democrats.

Judiciary Committee Grants Full Hearing to Both Sides on Suffrage Amendment.

Both sides of the woman suffrage contention were argued at length before the House Committee on the Judiciary yesterday.

The subject of immediate consent was the pending resolution of amendment to the Constitution whereby it is undertaken to grant suffrage to women universally in the United States. Despite the known fact that a majority of the Judiciary Committee are opposed to the extension of the suffrage to women the proponents of the measure were treated with studied courtesy, though the committee members listened to some very plainly expressed views—threats Representative Beall, of Texas, preferred to call them.

Incidentally the Democrats were warned that this was their last chance and the warning carried with it the promise of a wholesale defection in the ten States where women now enjoy the franchise.

The suffragists opened the proceedings and the threat of defection came early. It was from Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, of New York, and this was the gravest she threw down to the Democrats.

Suffrage or Fight.
"Grant us woman suffrage throughout the United States—over 40,000,000 women who vote in States where suffrage is already in fact will vote against you. You Democrats are in power, for the first time in eighteen years you have the power to grant this thing. For the first time we women have the opportunity to present this question as a national question. If this Congress does not take action it will be because the party deliberately side-steps this vital issue. When you turn to Chicago, women will vote at the next Presidential election—and there may be more by that time—and tell them what a splendid administration you have given us, what a fine tariff bill you passed, what a superior currency and anti-trust program you have carried to fruition, the women will reply to you that you have deliberately refrained from dealing with justice and fairness to the women of this States as have not been granted equal suffrage."

Representative Carlin, of Virginia, wanted to know what the attitude of the suffragists would be toward the Republican party. "You have asked this."

One Killed When Trains Meet.
Chicago, March 3.—Marley Burns, a flagman, was killed and two women and two train employes were injured today when the Lehigh special on the Grand Trunk line, bound from New York to Chicago, crashed into a freight train here. Fire followed, but firemen confined the blaze to the freight car. The injured passengers are from St. Paul.

STEAMER COLLISION INQUIRY BEGINS TODAY
Investigation Into the Northumberland-Newport News Accident Will Be Thorough.

SIGNALS MIXED UP, IT IS SAID
An investigation of the collision between the steamers Newport News and Northumberland, at the junction of the Potomac River and Eastern Branch Monday night, when the stern of the Newport News tore away the port side of the Northumberland, is to be made by the Steamship Inspection Service of the Department of Commerce.

Capt. Charles W. Wright and Edwin F. White, local steamboat inspectors at Baltimore, headquarters for the inspection district through which the Potomac flows, will conduct the inquiry. The scene of the hearings has not been fixed, but the inquiry probably will be conducted at the headquarters of the department.

THE AWAKENING GULLIVER.



JOHNSON-PROUTY AMENDMENT A BACKWARD STEP.

"I shall support the George tax bill on the floor of the House to the best of my ability," said Representative Warren Worth Bailey, of Pennsylvania, yesterday. "I read with much interest the editorial in this morning's Herald on the Johnson-Prouty amendment to the bill. This amendment, which has been adopted by the committee, is distinctly and offensively reactionary; and it is so flagrantly opposed to the tendency of the times in taxation that one can hardly believe it will receive the sanction of the House."

"Mr. George's bill was the result of long study and most careful preparation," Mr. Bailey continued. "No man in Congress has worked harder than the gentleman from New York has done in his effort to frame a measure which would prove beneficial to the people of this proud Capital City. That his training for the work is superior to that of the average man I take it no one will deny. He has indeed made a life study of the problems of taxation and he has personally observed the workings of tax systems in many lands."

"For my own part the only objection I would have to the George bill is that it doesn't go far enough. It seems to me that the community values resulting from the growth of population and the progress of the arts in the Capital should of right be taken by the community, and that private values—the values attaching to personal property and improvements—should be held sacred as belonging of right to the individual owner. But the George bill is a very distinct step in the right direction and for this reason it should commend itself to every one who favors a square deal in taxation."

Mr. Bailey added that he hoped the District Commissioners will afford an object lesson for presentation to the House in the form of an actual assessment, under the George plan, of selected blocks in different parts of the Capital. "In this manner

the actual workings of the plan in practice could be demonstrated. Such assessments have been made in certain cities, notably in Pueblo and Houston, with the result of convincing the people affected of the wisdom of a departure from familiar practice in matters of taxation. It is not often reflected that in taxation alone has the world made substantially no progress in 100 or even in 500 years. We have almost revolutionized the world in other respects, but in this one respect we are treading the mazes which had already been marked out by misguided economists and statesmen, when Columbus sailed his caravels into the West. Isn't it about time that we should seek to improve our methods of taxation, as we have improved our methods of transportation, our methods of communication, our methods of making steel and cloth and machinery, and all the rest? Why should the doing of good things be penalized by society? Why persist in levying fines upon men for building homes and for constructing splendid buildings in which to house our commerce and trade? Do we do these things because we wish to discourage enterprise? Or are we impelled to such a course only by ignorance of the effect or inability to conceive a better method? Henry George has pointed the way toward the light. He has shown how we can take the first step. The rest will be a matter of keeping on. BUT IF THE JOHNSON-PROUTY AMENDMENT TO HIS BILL SHALL STAND IT WILL MARK A BACKWARD TENDENCY SO VIOLENT THAT THE INTELLIGENCE OF CONGRESS ITSELF WILL BE CHALLENGED. For throughout the civilized world today the movement is in the opposite direction. It is in the direction of freeing industry while relying more and more on the unearned increment for public revenues. What Vancouver and Houston and Calgary and many of the German cities have done along this line would be well worth the study of the Johnsons and the Proutys."

UNEMPLOYED BEGIN MARCH.

"Army" of 2,000 Starts from San Francisco for Washington.
Special to The Washington Herald.
San Francisco, March 3.—The army of unemployed, 2,000 strong, with Gen. C. T. Kelly commanding, broke camp this afternoon and started on the march across the continent to Washington, D. C.

Just before leaving the "soldiers" proceeded to clean up the camping grounds. The temporary kitchen, dining-rooms and barracks, constructed out of sod, bits of wood and canvas, were piled up and burned.

The "army" is composed of twenty-four companies of ninety men each, including a company of women, and a hospital corps. Many carried blankets containing provisions.

"ROADS SHOULD HAVE INCREASE"

President of B. & O. Defends Carriers at Former Senator Davis' Dinner.

PROSPERITY IS KEYNOTE

Representative Underwood says the tariff law is "good as far as it has gone."

American railroads are entitled to the 5 per cent increase in freight rates, even if their gross revenues are greater than ever, and are entitled to it pending the inquiry, was the position taken last night by President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at a dinner given in his honor by former Senator Henry Gasaway Davis, of West Virginia, at the residence of Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins at 1625 K street northwest.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, also spoke, confining his remarks to the new currency law and speaking optimistically of business prospects.

Present also were Senators and Representatives and many notable railroad men. Among them were Mr. Willard, Samuel E. Cox, president, Pennsylvania Railroad; J. M. Schoonmaker, president, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad; F. D. Underwood, president, Erie Railroad; George W. Stevens, president, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; L. E. Johnson, president, Norfolk and Western Railway; W. H. White, president, Washington Southern Railway; M. C. Kennedy, president, Cumberland Valley Railroad; W. W. Atterbury, vice president, Pennsylvania Railroad; A. W. Thompson, vice president, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Arthur Lee, vice president, Coal and Coke Railway; George F. Randolph, vice president, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; James A. O'Garra, United States Senator from New York; Robert L. Gwyn, United States Senator from Oklahoma; Oscar W. Underwood, Representative from Alabama; John W. Davis, Solicitor General; Alton B. Parker, formerly Chief Justice, New York Court of Appeals; R. C. Kerens, formerly Ambassador to Austria; C. C. Clover, president Riggs National Bank; C. J. Bell, president

"ONE IN TEN WOMEN EVIL."
Judge Ben Lindsey Makes Startling Declaration.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Denver, Col., March 3.—That 10 per cent of the women of this country "are engaged directly or indirectly in prostitution" was the startling remark made today by Judge Ben B. Lindsey at the luncheon of the Civic Federation.

The figures were given in the answering discussion of the Judge to Miss Gertrude Vallie's talk on the deficiencies and faults of the mothers' compensation act in Colorado.

"A woman would rather get \$9 a month compensation than to hang on to a 40-cent husband," said Miss Vallie, "and our act encourages the breaking up of family relations and the relations of individual efforts. By giving help to the deserted mothers we are opening up a wonderful opportunity for graft and the pauperization of families that otherwise might stay together and make the best of a temporarily bad situation."

TWO ROMANCES RESULT IN DOUBLE WEDDING
Four Sweethearts, Who Hailed from Scotland, Are Married by Washington Pastor.
GIRLS MAKE TRIP FROM CANADA

Two romances that began in Scotland several years ago and continued in Canada culminated in Washington yesterday afternoon when Rev. William H. Bates, pastor of Bethany Chapel, married John Grant and Erna Harvey and William C. Skelly and Isabel E. Adams.

PRESIDENT GIVES GOETHALS MEDAL AS DINERS CHEER

Hands Canal Builder Gold Disc at Geographic Society Banquet.

PAYS ELOQUENT TRIBUTE

Mr. Wilson Tells of Great Things to Be Accomplished by Panama Cut.

ENGINEER LAUDS WORK OF AIDS

More Than 800 at Dinner, Setting New Record for Attendance for the Willard.

Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, and Mol of the American people, was given thanks by this nation and praise by all the world last night through President Wilson, who performed the last public service of his first year in the White House by presenting to the army engineer a gold medal on behalf of the National Geographic Society.

Holding aloft the disc of gleaming metal so that all of the 800 distinguished diners in the banquet hall of the New Willard might see, President Wilson concluded an eloquent tribute to Col. Goethals with these words: "So I esteem a real privilege, acting on behalf of this society, to present to you, Col. Goethals, this very beautiful medal. It is made of mere gold, and gold is of no consequence in this connection, but it speaks in the precious metal we know, the gratitude and admiration of the world."

Praise in Election Sign.
Above the President was hung a huge electric sign bearing the words of praise: "Atlantico-Goethals-Pacific." In the brilliant gleam of the electric light, setting forth his name as the link between the greatest waters of the globe sat Col. Goethals, his eyes lifted to the medal held between the thumb and index finger of the Chief Executive of the nation, and as the thunder of applause that drowned the closing words of the President died down, Col. Goethals arose and voiced his thanks.

"It is a great honor to build the Panama Canal," he said, "than it is for me to find words to express appreciation of the honor conferred upon me. It is a great honor to be selected as the president of the National Geographic Society at the practical completion of the canal. The French were pioneers in the undertaking and but for their work we could not today regard the canal as completed. But for the English we probably would not have known the means of eradicating malaria. The death rate would have been great."

Work of Man.
"The canal has been the work of many. Every man did his particular part that was necessary for success. No chief of any enterprise can claim the credit of any loyal, so faithful, an army that gave its strength and blood to the task. And so, in accepting the medal and thanking the National Geographic Society for it, I accept it and thank the society in the name of every member of the Canal army."

Secretary of State Bryan paid his tribute to Col. Goethals when, as toastmaster, the Secretary introduced President Wilson by saying: "When the greatest geographic society of the world is to honor the most illustrious member of our nation, the globe because of the successful completion of the most gigantic engineering feat in history, there is but one person to present the medal representing that honor, the President of the United States." President Wilson said:

"The mark of the engineer is that he can change the face of nature and show the work of his hands, and that it is in some deep sense creative in character. The life of mankind on the globe is altered, for example, by the cutting and the use of the Panama Canal. "I believe that the President should think of what this work will accomplish. It will

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.
SENATE.
Discussed McCumber Federal grain inspection bill. Opposition displayed freely. Discussion of the bill for the revision of the Constitution amendment for woman suffrage was continued, a final vote being in prospect Wednesday.

Senate bill for control of Mississippi River was subject of hearing before Senate Committee on Commerce. Conference on Alaska railroad bill reached agreement. Adjourned until noon today.

TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON
Continue your appeals, personally and by letter, to members of Congress to speak and vote against the Johnson-Prouty tax outrage. Urge them to be in their seats in the House tomorrow and on Monday. You are winning friends for the District every day.
THE WASHINGTON HERALD.

MRS. STEVENSON'S WILL IS CAUSTIC DOCUMENT
Widow of Noted Author Bequeathed \$5 to Divorced Wife of Her Son.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Santa Barbara, Cal., March 3.—The will of the late Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, whose ashes will be interred beside those of her distinguished husband on the island of Samoa, was filed for probate today. It is remarkable in the peculiarity of the bequests and in its caustic allusion to the divorced wife of her son, Lloyd Osbourne.

To Mr. Osbourne's former wife, the will bequeaths the sum of \$5 in the following expression: "To Katherine Durban Osbourne, of incredible atrocity, and who lived on my bounty for many years, at the same time pursuing me with malicious and false slanders, I bequeath \$5. To his sons, Allan and Wolfarth Osbourne, I bequeath the sum of \$5 each."

STOPS TOBACCO HABIT.
Elders' Sanitarium, located at 1123 Main Street, St. Joseph, Mo., has published a book showing the steady effect of the tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days. As they are distributing this book free, any one wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.

LABOR CHARGES REFUTED.
Mine Operator Says Working Conditions Are Not Bad.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Houghton, Mich., March 3.—General Manager James MacNaughton, of the Calumet and Hecla, occupied the stand at the Congressional investigation today and devoted his time to refuting charges made by federation witnesses.

He said the natural ventilation of the mines is good, the company pays more into the aid and hospital funds than the men do, the company last year spent \$61,228 in house repairs and received \$61,962 in rent. He said he was no association of managers and no black list.

BOMB "PLANTER" SENTENCED.
Judge Rosalsky Roudly Scores Black Hand Member.
Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, March 3.—The maximum sentence of from three years and six months to six years and six months today was imposed by Judge Rosalsky upon Angelo Sylvester, member of a Black Hand gang of bond thieves.

MELLEN LOSES FIRST FALL IN LEGAL BOUT
Motion to Quash Manslaughter Indictment Against Former New Haven President Lost.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 3.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, met defeat today in his opening skirmish to escape trial on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the wreck at Westport, Conn. Judge Tuttle denied the motion made by counsel for Mellen that the indictment be quashed on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction.

Judge Tuttle also denied the motion to vacate the warrant issued for Mellen's arrest.

What the next move in this case will be cannot yet be determined. Neither Mr. Mellen or any of his counsel was present when the decision was handed down. It is understood that a conference will be held between counsel for the defense to determine upon the course of action. So far as known no attempt has been made by the State to prepare for the trial.

GIRLS MAKE TRIP FROM CANADA
Two romances that began in Scotland several years ago and continued in Canada culminated in Washington yesterday afternoon when Rev. William H. Bates, pastor of Bethany Chapel, married John Grant and Erna Harvey and William C. Skelly and Isabel E. Adams.

The four were childhood playmates in Scotland and when they attained maturity their affection changed to love. Both girls were of adventurous spirit and when they proposed that they go to Canada to work and complete their education there was no objection from their affianced husbands.

Miss Harvey and Miss Adams crossed the Atlantic and settled in Toronto. They liked Canada well, and persuaded their husbands-to-be that fortune was to be found on this side of the Atlantic. Grant and Skelly followed. The young men worked for a time in Toronto, and about nine months ago removed to Haymarket, Va., where they worked on a stock farm. They met with success on the farm, and convinced the girls that all could be happy if they married and settled down on the "back to the farm" plan. Miss Harvey and Miss Adams journeyed to Washington, where they were met by Grant and Skelly. The four were married in the apartments of Rev. Mr. Bates at the Plymouth. After the ceremonies the two couples returned to Haymarket, where they will live.

Special Senator Kane's Son Arrested.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Los Angeles, March 3.—Hayward Kane, the nineteen year old son of State Senator H. H. Kane, of Virginia, was taken into custody by the local police early this evening. Kane's arrest is said to be at the request of his father. No charge was preferred against him.