

SHAPES THE HOUSE

Chairman Tanney Predicts a Deficit of \$100,000,000.

BILLION-DOLLAR SESSION

Estimated Revenue Will Be \$804,573,246.

MORE PRUDENCE REQUESTED

Appeals to His Colleagues to Exercise the Utmost Scrutiny on Every Proposition to Spend Money.

In a speech on the floor of the House this afternoon, during consideration of the sundry civil bill, Chairman Tanney of the House committee on appropriations made the unqualified statement that the appropriations at the present session of Congress would exceed those of any session since the foundation of the government, and that the deficiency in the treasury for the fiscal year of 1908 would be not less than \$100,000,000.

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SOLDIERS THREATENED

REMARK SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAJ. PENROSE.

Testimony Tending to Implicate the People of Brownsville in the "Shooting Up."

"Major, if there is not an arrest made between this hour and 11 o'clock, every enlisted man we see on the streets will be shot."

AWAKENED BY THE NOISE.

According to Vochelle's story, he was awakened on the night of the shooting by hearing rapid firing. He slept at his house, about a block and a half outside the military reservation. While on his way to the corral he saw two Mexican policemen running along the outside of the reservation wall near the barracks.

NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN.

Supposed Subject of a Conference at State Department.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, had a long conference today with Secretary Root. He declined, however, to make the matters discussed, although the conference presumably had to do with negotiation of a new treaty with Japan.

CLAUSES MADE PUBLIC.

Text of the New Dominican Treaty Published.

The Senate has made public the treaty between the United States and the Dominican Republic, providing for the collection of the revenue of the island for the benefit of creditors by a general receiver and assistants to be appointed by the President of the United States.

SHIP SUBSIDY PROSPECTS.

Conference of Friends of the Littauer Compromise.

Representative Watson, the republican who has advised the members most interested in the Littauer compromise ship subsidy bill to hold their tongues, is expected to attend a conference some time this afternoon and make a final disposition of the much-discussed subsidy matter.

BALLOON ASCENSION.

Aero Club to Give Free Exhibition Tomorrow.

Washington will enjoy the sensation of a balloon ascension tomorrow, to be held under the direction of the Aero Club of America, unless the weather conditions are more unfavorable than now seems probable. The Washington Gas Company has made arrangements for the flight by laying a special pipe to a convenient location on a lot at 12th and M streets southwest.

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DENOUNCED BY CLARK

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREST RESERVE CRITICIZED.

Claimed That Procedure is Detrimental to the Best Interests of the Country.

Consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill was resumed by the Senate today at the close of the routine morning business.

IMMENSE TRACT RESERVED.

"The area of the forest reserve is now as large as the whole of New England, with the states of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio added. In acres the amount is 127,000,000.

SENATOR PATTERSON'S PURPOSE.

Senator Patterson interrupted to say he intended to introduce an amendment prohibiting a charge to be made for grazing cattle on public lands.

HUNT ON THE STAND

HE TESTIFIES ABOUT HIS CONNECTION WITH THE BASSETTS.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR. OMAHA, Neb., February 21.—For the third consecutive day, excepting Sunday, Mrs. Fannie Bisset today placed her name on the witness stand in her suit against Charles C. Bassett of Washington.

PLANNED FUNERAL AND DIED.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., February 21.—After paying his funeral expenses by depositing a sum of money on a table, John Nelmes, a retired merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y., yesterday shot and killed himself.

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VARIANCE IS ALLEGED

FATAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDICTMENT AND PROOF.

Point of Law Raised During Trial of Representative Binger Hermann.

—Jury Excused.

Still another phase of the case of Representative Binger Hermann, on trial before Justice Stanger in Criminal Court No. 1, developed at the morning session today when Attorney A. S. Worthington of counsel for the defendant introduced a new plea for taking the case from the jury and dismissing the charge against Hermann.

SHOULD OPERATE AS ACQUITTAL.

A variance between the indictment and the evidence, according to the claim of the defense, should operate as an acquittal for Mr. Hermann.

ARGUMENT THIS AFTERNOON.

The argument of the afternoon session was in reference to the admissibility of letters between the defendant and the men who joined with him in the Bisset conspiracy case and other alleged conspiracy cases in the west.

WAR NOT DECLARED.

Recent Clash Between Nicaraguan and Honduran Troops.

According to Ambassador Creel of Mexico and Senator Cova of Nicaragua, both of whom today saw Secretary Root, neither Nicaragua nor Honduras has declared war against the other.

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Maine Family Expect to Inherit Share of Large Estate.

LEWISTON, Me., February 21.—J. Donovan of the firm of Donovan & Dunn of this city has just received word from a relative in Ireland that the family has been left a large fortune from the estate of Paul Kingston, who died recently in this country.

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MR. BRUCE'S MISSION

New Ambassador Reticent About His Instructions.

EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON

Says American Friendship is Valued by England.

COUNTRY NOT AIDING JAPAN

Diplomat Declares Capt. Hobson's Story About War is Ridiculous—Sees No Chance of Conflict.

NEW YORK, February 21.—James Bryce, the new British ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce landed today from the Oceanic, having been detained off Sandy Hook bar over night. They were met at the pier by the British consul general at New York and several attaches of the British embassy in Washington, and went at once to Jersey City to take the 11 a.m. train for Washington.

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"Will you say anything regarding the probability of a war between America and Japan, and England's position in case of such a catastrophe?"

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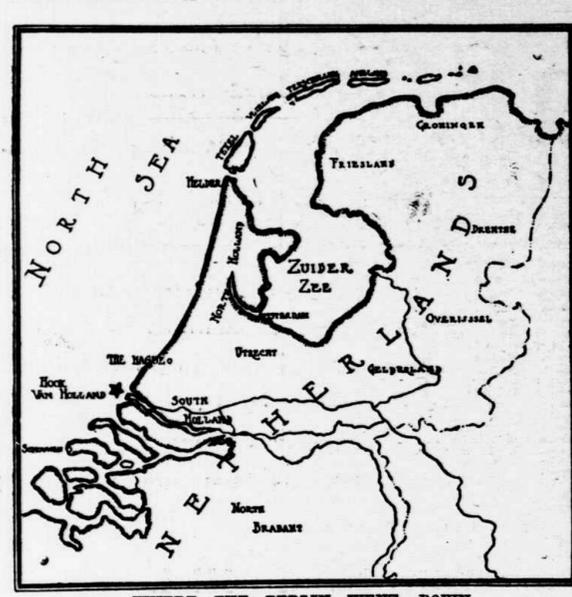
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The gale was accompanied by torrential storms of rain. In the south of England there was snow, hail and sleet, and in the north the telegraph and telephone services were interrupted. The storm area covered practically the whole northwest of Europe. Telegrams from Germany report much damage. There are snow and thunder storms and the rivers are rising rapidly.

The steamship Teutonic, which was stormbound at Liverpool yesterday, sailed after having been delayed twelve hours.

ROME, February 21.—Severe storms of wind, hail and snow are causing serious damage in Italy. Telegraph and telephone communications are interrupted.

"I feel it is my duty to give to this house the information that not alone this session, but the other branch of Congress and the conference committee now considering appropriations, have given attention to the necessities of the public service and the necessities of appropriating for specific objects than has been done thus far in this session.

"I do this not in any spirit of criticism, but in the hope that the fact may so appear to the membership of this house as to induce each member to feel that his own responsibility which is his, and endeavor from now until the close of the session to keep down appropriations so that the record of this session will not be one that any member cannot fully justify.

TOTAL ESTIMATES.

"The total estimates for appropriations for all purposes for the fiscal year 1908, as submitted in the book of estimates at the beginning of this session, aggregate \$895,690,843.58. These regular estimates are exceeded in five of the annual supply bills which have been passed by the House or passed by both House and Senate, and are now in conference, by \$22,919,238.96.

"In addition to this, the obligations fixed by legislation now pending between the two houses in the river and harbor bill and the navy bill equal \$73,634,523. There were also added to the estimates for supply purposes of the government of \$13,000,000, making a total of \$1,005,244,488.94. Included in the annual estimates for the permanent and annual appropriations, supplemental estimates and obligations fix: by the river and harbor and navy bills, and by the supplemental sundry civil estimates.

"Therefore, the total amount of appropriations bills are not materially reduced before their final passage we must expect during the fiscal year 1908 a deficit of at least \$100,000,000.

"It may be said that the appropriations for the Panama canal are not chargeable on the revenues, but this statement I have eliminated obligations created by legislation that has passed at this session of Congress indeterminate in amount, but almost certain to increase year equal all of the appropriations that are reimbursable to the treasury or that may not become a charge upon the revenues for the next fiscal year.

"In view of these facts I appeal to the membership of this House to exercise the utmost scrutiny and give to every proposition which is presented to the House at the next fiscal year the most careful consideration, to the end that the closing session of the Fifty-ninth Congress will not be charged with having unnecessarily created a deficit or appropriated more money than the government, from its revenues, will be able to meet."

Georgia Has a \$75,000 Fire.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., February 21.—Fire today destroyed the entire plant of the Parker-Hensell Engineering Company, including the immense marine machine shops, foundry, etc. Several tugs and vessels at the wharf of the plant were saved, some of them being damaged. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Meeting of Historical Society.

President Harry A. Colman of the United States Historical Society has called a meeting of that organization for 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at his home, 1238 Columbia road. The session will be in the nature of a George Washington birthday celebration, and there will be short talks by the members on George Washington and other patriotic subjects.