

WEATHER.

Fair and slightly warmer to-night; temperature near freezing. Thursday fair; southerly winds.

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WATERWAYS

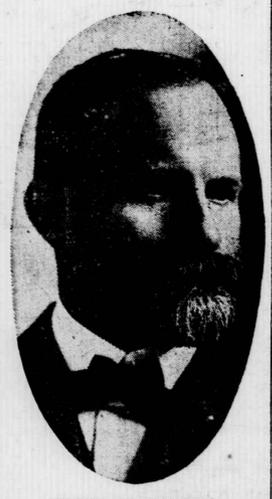
Annual Session of Rivers and Harbors Congress.

SECRETARY OF WAR HEARD

Representative Sparkman Promises Legislation.

DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEM

President Ransdell in His Annual Address Outlines What May Be Seen in Years to Come.



JOSEPH E. RANSDALL, President National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress met this morning in annual session at the New Willard Hotel. A river and harbor bill satisfactory to the entire country was promulgated by Representative Stephen M. Sparkman, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the House of Representatives.

Over 1,000 delegates took their seats in the big banquet hall. Banners bearing the names of states or of organizations represented in the congress, indicated the presence of delegates from every part of the nation.

The session was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by President Ransdell. He immediately introduced Secretary Stimson of the War Department.

Address by Secretary Stimson.

Mr. Stimson was suffering from a cold, and his voice was hoarse and weak. His remarks were therefore brief.

The rivers of the United States, Mr. Stimson said, will shortly recover their value as transportation mediums, and will take on a greater importance than ever before in the industrial development of the nation.

Promises River and Harbor Bill. Representative Sparkman outlined the history of waterways legislation until the present time, when Congress has finally adopted a scheme of annual rivers and harbors bills.

SEEKING MORE DATA

President Asks Commissioners for a Supplemental Report.

MOST NEEDED LEGISLATION

Preparing for His Message to Congress Regarding District.

EXPECTED TO BE SENT SOON

Commissioner Rudolph Directs Heads of Departments to Elucidate Their Recommendations.

President Taft will not send to Congress his special message on the needs of the District until after he has received from the District Commissioners a more complete expression of their views on the important questions now confronting the people of the National Capital.

The President early this morning summoned to the White House Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the board of Commissioners, for a conference on the annual report of the Commissioners, which was transmitted to Congress yesterday.

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HIGH BALLS A TOPIC

Information Sought of Witnesses in Lorimer Inquiry.

GAUGING DRINK OF LIQUOR

Testimony Regarding a Conversation in Chicago Hotel.

W. H. STURMER'S STATEMENT

Classes as "Barroom Talk" Threat of Charles A. White Against Lorimer Crowd.

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Massachusetts Republicans Expend \$80,500, Leaving Deficit in Treasury.

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FIVE MEET DEATH IN TRAIN COLLISION

Two Freights Crash and Express Dashes Into Debris Near Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, December 6.—Five trainmen were killed and a score injured, a number of them seriously, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, in a wreck of two freights and an express train in the Pennsylvania railroad, at Devils Bend, one-half mile east of Manor, Pa.

The dead are: Engineer Frank Daily of the express train and four unknown men who were in the express cars.

Freeman John Myers of the express train was seriously injured. Many others sustained bruises.

Due to Rear-End Collision. The wreck was due, primarily, to the stalling of an extra westbound freight.

EPIDEMIC HALTS COURT

Smallpox Prevents Attendance of Jurors in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

WINS WAGER OF \$500. One-Legged Bootblack Beats Time Limit on Long Walk.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

EARLY in the day for your own sake and the sake of the tired clerks.

ONLY 15 more shopping days before Christmas.

TO COMBINE ACTIVITIES

Plan to Consolidate Science Branches of the Navy Department.

A plan is under consideration at the Navy Department for consolidating the activities of the Naval Observatory, the hydrographic office and the compass office.

Stokes' Condition Grave. Millionaire Witness Unable to Attend Trial of Chorus Girls.

NEW YORK, December 6.—It became known today that there has been a decided change for the worse in the condition of W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire chief witness in the case against Ethel Conrad and Lillian Grady.

ROCKEFELLER LOSES LAKE. It Escapes Through Crevice-Into-the Croton Aqueduct.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., December 6.—The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of a lake on John D. Rockefeller's estate at Pocantico Hills last week has been solved.

WONDERFUL CONDITION FOUND. Where All Grammar School Graduates Enter the High School.

EVIDENCE IN HYDE TRIAL. State Wants Testimony Concerning Injection Given Miss Swope.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 6.—The state renewed its efforts today in the trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, for the alleged murder of Miss Margaret Swope.

Commission Government Rejected. VANCOUVER, Wash., December 6.—The commission form of government was defeated here yesterday by a vote of more than two to one.

MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST RUSSIA'S ACT

First of Series to Be Held in Principal Cities in New York Tonight.

NEW YORK, December 6.—The great mass meeting here tonight, it was announced today, will be only the first of a series to be held in the principal cities of the country during the next thirty days.

Object Was to See Speaker. The true purpose of the circular, it was explained later, was simply to call upon Speaker Clark and urge further legislation for the relief of the survivors of the thousands of colored persons who had lost their savings when the Freedmen's Bank smashed, and a committee actually did see the Speaker later in the day.

STILL NEED THE MARINES. Commandant Biddle Believes They Should Remain in Panama.

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GLAMOR FOR MONEY

Crowd of Colored Men and Women Invade the Capital.

BROKEN BANK DEPOSITORS

Misled Into Belief the Government Was to Repay Their Losses.

ALL SENT AWAY DISAPPOINTED

Mistake Due to Circulars Calling for a Meeting in Speaker Clark's Office.

Grouped in Statuary Hall in the Capitol this morning a great crowd of colored men and women met in the belief that the losses incurred in the collapse of the old Freedmen's Bank in the early seventies would be fully made up to them by the United States government today.

They had come in scores, bringing with them old and musty bank books, which for forty years have been treasured, in the belief that some day there would be an appropriation made, or some law enacted, whereby the full amount of the deposits would be made good.

Circulars were distributed throughout the colored churches here last week calling a meeting in Statuary Hall. From there, the circular stated, the meeting would adjourn to Speaker Clark's office.

However, the impression spread abroad among the old colored men and women regarding the meeting, was not all that Speaker Clark had arranged everything. Exactly what the announcement in the churches was could not be learned accurately today, but whatever it was, the effect on the old time depositors was surely a strong one.

They thronged into Statuary Hall and talked incessantly about their windfalls. For an hour they read to the consternation, and in some cases to the indignation, and then some of them sought out a Capitol policeman and asked him: "What money do you mean?"

Now Capitol policemen are very familiar with the frequent pension hunter, the disappointed colored person who in the ingenuous queries of these old negroes had a different tone.

Then one of the old depositors exclaimed: "This is the day when we all are going to get back the money we deposited in the Freedmen's Bank." They said it would be paid out to them.

Of course, they were doomed to disappointment again. The true purpose of the circular, it was explained later, was simply to call upon Speaker Clark and urge further legislation for the relief of the survivors of the thousands of colored persons who had lost their savings when the Freedmen's Bank smashed, and a committee actually did see the Speaker later in the day.

The bank, with branches at Baltimore, New Orleans, Jacksonville and other southern cities, after 70 years of operation, was closed in July, 1874. The liabilities were over \$2,000,000. The bank had been badly tangled condition, and Congress provided for the handling of all its funds by the Treasury Department.

Since then there has been a continuous appeal to Congress since then for the full payment of the negro depositors, but no such claims has ever been paid by Congress.

WINES BEING RETURNED. President Milled a Treat While Guest of Bear Admiral Ross.

CHICAGO, December 6.—President Taft is returning to his home in the fact that he has returned to Chicago. That he was not the recipient of such a treat, it became known last night, was due to the fact that Admiral Ross (retired), who had recently commanded of the north shore naval training station, refused an offer of his brother.

Without opening the cases, the admiral shipped them back to his brother with the following message: "President Taft and his party will have nothing stronger than lemonade while they are my guests. I am much obliged for the shipment, but we cannot use it here at the naval station."

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LABOR HEADS MEET

Gompers Here for Conference on McNamara Case.

SAYS UNIONS WILL LIVE

Federation Department Heads and Other Officials Present.

DISPOSITION OF DEFENSE FUND

What to Do With Money, if Any, Left Over One of Topics Up.

On the result of a conference being held this afternoon at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor by members of the ways and means committee of the McNamara defense fund will depend what disposition will be made of the money yet unexpended out of the \$200,000 subscribed.

That far more important action bearing on the status of organized labor since the confession of the McNamaras will be taken is confidently expected. Whether this action will be made known in the form of a statement issued at the conclusion of the conference or in consideration by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor of a course to be pursued by union organizations throughout the country cannot be said.

The fact that the labor leaders are in a belligerent attitude was only too apparent today at the O'Quay building, where the meeting is being held. President Gompers returned from New York this morning in a defiant mood. He voiced defiance to the enemies of organized labor and threw down a verbal gauntlet to his personal enemies. "The labor movement will live," he forcibly declared President Gompers, "in spite of its enemies. We defy those enemies, whoever they are."

Avoids the Camera Men. There was a battery of newspaper photographers lined up outside of President Gompers' offices this morning. They arrived early and stationed themselves at points of vantage at the entrance to the building. Mr. Gompers arrived accompanied by his son, and endeavored by using the latter as a shield and raising his hat in front of his face to frustrate the efforts of the picture men to snap his likeness.

In addition to President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, present at the meeting are John B. Lennon and Thomas Tracy, president and secretary of the union label trades department; William Spencer, secretary of the building trades department; and A. J. Barnes, secretary of the ironworkers' department. James Short, president of the building trades department, and James O'Connell, president of the metal trades department, also are members of the committee.

Defense Fund Residue Uncertain. Just how much money remains in the McNamara defense fund could not be ascertained today. Secretary Morrison said Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamaras, had been paid a retainer fee of \$50,000 for the defense charges pending. He said he had no idea of the size of the unexpended portion of the fund, and would not venture a prediction as to the amount of the residue.

Stage Set at Los Angeles for Federal Investigation

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 6.—The stage was set today for a federal grand jury investigation in Los Angeles of an alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy. The town, vexed and torn by the lately concluded murder trial of James H. McNamara and the events leading to it, would be glad to get to the whole affair, prominent citizens declare. But it is felt that such a scheme is out of the question. Among the reasons necessitating the investigation here, in the opinion of federal authorities, are:

The presence of James H. McNamara, who by his own assertion was a participant in many dynamite plots.

The presence of James H. McNamara and his brother, John J. McNamara, pending their departure for San Quentin prison for terms of ten and twenty years and fifteen years imprisonment, respectively.

The quantity and completeness of evidence gathered against the McNamaras, which led their chief of counsel to seek eagerly for terms upon which his clients might plead guilty.

McNamara's reminiscences, as already given out by him, in regard to the trial, and the fact that state and federal authorities are in possession of a large amount of evidence which McNamara will tell if they appear is not so well known.

Much Data Gathered. All sorts of data in this connection have been gathered by District Attorney John D. Fredericks of Los Angeles county, through his aids. Every interview with the McNamara case thus far published has been put in a scrap book.

It is known that the present status of the McNamaras has arisen as an obstacle to their appearance before the grand jury. The evidence of James H. McNamara, a confessed murderer, it is said, is not admissible in the trial of James H. McNamara. The rules of grand jury proceedings, however, are such that the McNamaras must appear before the grand jury to govern the taking of evidence in court.

Shirley Hammel was informed by the United States district attorney's office that the McNamaras' appearance before the grand jury might be asked and he

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