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## SENATE LIBERAL IN MATTER OF SALARIES

### Doubles President's Pay and Grants Increases to Various Other Government Officials.

## HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

### Senate Strikes Out Provision Allowing \$5,000 for Presiding Officers' Carriage Hire—Naval Appropriation Bill Brought up in House—Message Received from President.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The salary of the President of the United States was today fixed at \$100,000 per annum, so far as the Senate could fix it, and salaries of the vice president and the speaker of the House of Representatives at \$15,000 each.

The salary of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States was increased from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per annum and those of associate justices from \$12,500 to \$14,500.

These changes were made as amendments to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and after an extended debate.

Livery Feature Eliminated.  
Amendments allowing \$5,000 to the vice president and the speaker of the House for horses and carriages were stricken from the bill.

Senator Rayner's resolution calling upon the attorney general for information concerning the suit he purposes bringing against certain newspapers on the charge of libel in connection with statements made in relation to the purchase by the United States of the Panama canal property, was referred to the committee on judiciary after a strong fight to have it adopted without such reference.

Various pension bills were passed.

### House Passes Pension Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—Disposing of the speech of Representative Willett, of New York, yesterday attacking the President by referring it to a special committee, the House of Representatives today proceeded to take up the various appropriation bills that have been reported within the past few days.

The pension and urgent deficiency bills were passed without delay and when adjournment was taken the naval appropriation bill was under consideration.

Representative Butler, Pennsylvania, occupied the chair during the debate on the provision of the pensions appropriation bill, which abolishes all but one of the eighteen pension agencies throughout the country.

The bill which carries a total appropriation of \$169,859,000 was passed practically as reported by the committee on pensions.

A plan to pay pensions quarterly was defeated.

## FIND DIFFICULTY IN SECURING A JURY

### Most Persons in Night Rider District Have Formed Opinions—Ten Jurors Accepted.

(By Associated Press.)  
UNION CITY, TENN., Jan. 19.—The task of procuring a jury to try "Ed" Marshall, indicted as one of the leaders of the band of Night Riders who murdered Captain Quentin Rankin, proves to be especially difficult. Because of the intense interest manifested in other trials, a large majority of those examined to day had formed opinions.

The entire venire of 115 taxsmen was exhausted and only ten men had been accepted tentatively when court adjourned.

Fifty more taxsmen have been already summoned for tomorrow and the jury will probably be completed by noon.

The defense has only six peremptory challenges remaining and the State only four.

## TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

### Five Others Probably Fatally Injured in Gasoline Explosion.

(By Associated Press.)  
ABLENE, TEXAS, Jan. 19.—M. H. Strawn and his three-year-old son, living five miles west of Roby, were burned to death and five other members of the family were probably fatally burned Monday by a gasoline explosion.

A member of the family mistook gasoline for kerosene and poured the liquid on a fire.

A deafening explosion followed. Neighbors rushed to the house and found every member of the family wrapped in flames.

## MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO POE

### Harvard Professor Emphatic in Praise of Author's Genius.

### FOREIGNERS ARE APPRECIATIVE

### Literary Clubs and Authors Abroad Communicate Their Sentiments in Prose and Verse—Medals Awarded to Furtherers of Poet's Fame.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 19.—The Edgar Allan Poe centenary celebration reached its climax to night when able addresses were delivered by Professor Barrett Wendell of Harvard, on "The Nationalism of Poe," and by Charles Alphonso Smith of the University of North Carolina on "Poe's Influence in Southern Literature."

Especially pleasing to the Southern audience was the former's statement that "the work of Poe is among the still few claims which America can as yet bring unchallenged in proof that our country has enriched the literature of the world."

President Alderman introduced the speakers.

### Original Poems Read.

Original poems by Robert Burns, Wilson of Kentucky, Judge Walter Malone of Tennessee, and Charles W. Holney of Atlanta, were read.

Letters containing appreciations were impressively read by Professor Willoughby Read.

An interesting feature was the bestowal of medals, struck by Tiffany, to commemorate the occasion to some seventy-five members who had added materially to furthering Poe's reputation as a man of letters.

### Page Receives a Medal.

Among those awarded medals were George Judan Zolnay of New York and Thomas Nelson Page of Washington.

In a symposium of tributes to the foreign influence of the genius of Edgar Allan Poe, Professor George Edgar of Northwestern University, Illinois, formerly of Munich, Germany, was among the speakers.

Dr. Alice Fortier of Tulane University, New Orleans, discussed Poe from the standpoint of French literature.

A eulogy was read from the Arthur's Club of London, and poems by Arthur Christopher Benson of England, Professor Edward Dowden of Ireland and John Boyd of Canada, were read.

There were also many letters from distinguished foreigners.

## LAVISHES COMPLIMENTS UPON SOUTHERN GIRLS

### Taft, in Jolly Mood, Pays Ardent Tribute to Charms of South's Women.

## ADDRESSES FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL

### In Happy Vein, President-elect Entertains His Hearers—Advices Young Ladies that Marriage Is Not Only Future to Look Forward to—Later Speaks to Coons.

(By Associated Press.)  
AUGUSTA, GA., Jan. 19.—What might be construed as an entirely "new attack" on the Solid South was made by the President-elect when he put in a good word for the warmth and ardor of Northern men who know a good thing when they see it in the hands and beauty of Southern women.

This lighter vein of Mr. Taft's humor was given vent before what he termed "a bouquet of bright and charming faces," the students of the Talman High School for girls.

Although nearly an hour late in his appointment the son of the class which he listened to preceding his brief talk he declared had carried him off in enjoyable fancy and his introduction to speak was "a rude-awakening."

### Argument Against Co-education.

The charming appearance of the student body, he said, impressed itself on him as an entirely new and convincing argument in favor of the separation of the sexes for education.

The speaker admitted his point of view had changed somewhat on the question of woman suffrage since, when sixteen, he ardently advocated that doctrine in his graduation paper because of the admiration he had for the intelligence of the girl members of his class in Woodward High School, Cincinnati.

When the trained and intelligent women of the country wanted suffrage, he predicted they would get it, just on the very natural ground that they always get what they want. But he remarked in passing the subject for the discussion of matrimony in the faces of his hearers in what he was discussing.

### Useful Though Unmarried.

Matrimony, as he had said at Athens last week was not the only future to which a young woman should look and no unsatisfactory acceptances should be made of a marriage proposal, simply to avoid being an old maid. The great success of many unmarried women of his acquaintance justified this assertion.

"But of course in the South you are not troubled as they are in Massachusetts," he continued, "where there are so many women that there is no possibility that they can all marry and it is really serious problems there as to what shall be done with the unmarried woman. Here I know that the situation is different."

### A Jolly for the Girls.

"But my dear young ladies," the speaker remarked while he allowed full scope to the Taft smile, "I did not come here to make a prepared address, I came here trying to see inspiration of the moment for what your bright eyes and pretty faces might bring out of me. I trust I am not too old yet to yield to the charm of beauty, and to which even a Northern man may be awakened. I know there is a theory that we are all old in the North, but I assure you it is not true. I remember while once in Nashville of making inquiry regarding a great many families there and I found that immediately after the war there were a great many Northern war officers who avowedly admired his taste and who found young ladies of beauty and charm, formerly on the other side who were willing to be who at least were, indeed, whether willing or not to become the wives of Northern men, so that it might not be the worst lot should your fate ever carry you north of the Mason and Dixon line, for we know a good thing when we see it."

### Address to Negro Students.

From this gathering which was held in celebration of the centenary of Edgar Allan Poe, Mr. Taft went on to Hains Normal and Industrial Institute for Negroes where he delivered an address on the benefits of industrial education.

This school, which was founded by women, and has been for twenty-three years under the supervision of Lucy C. Lane, a negro, has several hundred students.

"That a colored woman," said Mr. Taft, "with reference to the principal, could have constructed this great institution of learning and brought it to this point is a credit to her."

His vote in the House stood 21 in the Senate 19, a total of 40, or seven more than was necessary to elect.

The vote in the House was Chamberlain (Dem.) 21, Fulton (Rep.) 12, Coker (Rep.) 15.

The vote in the Senate stood Chamberlain (Dem.) 19, Fulton (Rep.) 7, Coker (Rep.) 15, Bean (Rep.) 1.

## ANNIVERSARY OF LEE'S BIRTH GENERALLY OBSERVED

### Various Cities of Virginia and Other Southern States Pay Tribute to Great Chieftain.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 19.—General R. E. Lee's birthday was observed here as a holiday by the closing of the state mercantile and banking institutions.

### Norfolk Paid Respect.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 19.—Jackson Day in celebration of the birth of the birth of the Confederate chief, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson was observed as a state holiday here by the closing of the banks, schools, and many public offices.

The Confederate veterans in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Smithfield and other nearby cities and towns held appropriate exercises.

### Observed Quietly.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Jan. 19.—In this, the first capital of the Confederacy, the birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee was observed quietly.

The banks were closed and the day was a holiday.

### The Day at Mobile.

MOBILE, ALA., Jan. 19.—The birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee was observed here today by the Confederate societies and banks were closed.

All schools and banks were closed. The daughters of the Confederacy with Raphael Semmes (Capt.) and John M. Withers (Capt.) of Confederate Veterans held appropriate exercises.

## DECIDES AGAINST NAVY YARD CONSTRUCTION

### Department Determines to Not Attempt to Build Two Submarine Boats Recently Authorized.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The navy department has decided not to construct at government navy yards two of the submarine boats authorized at the last session of Congress, as it had contemplated, and has awarded the contract for these two boats to the Electric Boat Company to be built on the Atlantic coast.

The final award of the six other submarine torpedo boats in the same way was announced last month.

## WILLETTE'S SPEECH.

### Committee Appointed to Determine What Action Shall be Taken.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—A special committee was authorized by the House, by resolution today to report what, if any, action, should be taken with regard to the speech delivered yesterday by Representative Willett, of New York, in which he attacked the President.

The speaker appointed the following committee: Representatives Mann (Illinois), Perkins (New York), Foster (Connecticut), Howard (Georgia), and Clayton (Alabama).

Representative Clark (Missouri) minority leader, objected to the resolution as finally adopted, because the words of the speech objected to, were not specified.

He contended that the objectionable part of the speech should be incorporated in the resolution or the action of the House would at some future time be taken as a precedent to be used by the majority as "an engine of oppression."

## CUBAN CONGRESS.

### Negro Leader Unanimously Elected President of the Senate.

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—Senators of the senate and the house of representatives were held yesterday for the purpose of electing permanent officers.

Martin Moron Delgado, the colored leader, was unanimously elected president of the senate, but Vice President Zayas doubtless will preside at all the sessions.

## PRESIDENT REQUESTS GOVERNOR TO CALL HALT

### Roosevelt Takes Hand in Anti-Japanese Legislation Pending in California Legislature.

## GOVERNOR AGREES TO HOLD UP BILLS

### Nothing Will Be Done at Sacramento Until Chief Executive is Heard From—Stringent Ownership Law Was Booked for Passage in Assembly To-day.

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 19.—President Roosevelt has taken a hand in the anti-Japanese agitation now before the California legislature and has asked the governor to take steps to have all legislation held up until the President can be heard in the matter.

In a telegram sent Saturday this request was embodied and a letter is en route to Sacramento which will give the chief executive's views and wishes in the matter of legislation against the "little brown men."

President Roosevelt's telegram follows: Washington, Jan. 16, "Hon. James N. Gillette, Governor of California, Sacramento, Cal.: "We are greatly concerned at newspaper reports of anti-Japanese legislation in the California legislature. Earnestly hope that no progress will be made at bills until you have had chance to receive my letter, and if necessary to discuss its contents with leaders of the two houses. My knowledge of the international situation, particularly with reference to emigration of Japanese laborers from United States satisfies me that passage of proposed legislation would be of incalculable damage to State of California as well as to whole Union."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." Governor Gillette sent the following reply: Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 19.—"Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington: "Telegram received. Have caused bills to be held up until I can hear from you. Copies of bills introduced affecting Japanese, together with briefs on same, mailed to you."

J. N. GILLETTE. "The Drew measure prevents ownership of property for more than seven years by aliens, and this measure was reported out of committee today favorably and was to have passed through the assembly."

It was held up until Wednesday, when it was made a special order of business, and according to Governor Gillette, will probably be postponed still further when that time arrives.

### Text of President's Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—President Roosevelt's letter to Governor Gillette, dated January 16, follows: "My dear governor: "I am greatly concerned over the anti-Japanese bills which are apparently going through, or are on their way through the California legislature. They are in every sense most unfortunate. At last we have in first-class working order the arrangement which with much difficulty we succeeded in getting through two years ago. The Japanese government is obviously acting in entire good faith. During the six months ending October 31 last, the total number of Japanese who have come to the mainland of the United States has been 2,074, and the total number who have left has been 3,181. In other words, the whole object nominally desired by those who wish to prevent the coming of Japanese laborers has been attained."

### Movement Will be Normal.

"More Japanese are leaving the country than are coming in and by present indications, in a very few years, the number of Japanese here will be no greater than the number of Americans in Japan, and the movement will be normal in one sense as in the other, which is just what we desire. There is, therefore, no shadow of expense for a bill which will surely produce great irritation and may, by upsetting the present whole situation again."

### Says Agitators to Blame.

"These agitators have themselves to thank if trouble comes from what they do if there is a fresh influx of Japanese hither. They hamper the national government in what I have seen efficiently accomplished, the agreement by peaceful means and

through the friendly initiative of the Japanese government, to keep Japanese immigrants out of the United States, save as Americans themselves visit Japan. Is it not possible to get the legislature to realize the great unwisdom from the standpoint of the country at large and above all from the standpoint of California, of what is being done?" "Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### Causing Much Concern.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Although denial is made at the state department and at the Japanese embassy that any formal protest has been made to this government against proposed anti-Japanese legislation in California yet it is realized that the question is causing considerable concern both in this country and in Japan, as is evidenced by the despatches sent by President Roosevelt to Governor Gillette, of California, on the subject and the editorials in Japanese newspapers.

The Japanese embassy is watching the progress of the legislation in California with great interest.

### Italian Relief Fund.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Italian relief fund of the American Red Cross Society yesterday passed the \$500,000 mark, \$52,000 being the total of the day's contributions.

Of this amount \$20,000 came from the New York state branch, \$12,000 from the Missouri branch and California's branch sent its regular daily \$10,000 remittance.

## MILITARY CALLED OUT

### Infuriated Citizens Threatened Life or Negro in Jail.

### HE HAD ATTACKED WHITE WOMAN

### Entered Her Home, Choked Her and Threatened to Cut Her Throat—Victim Escaped and is Rescued by Passerby.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 19.—The local military company at Clinton, N. C., has been called out by Governor Kitchen to protect the jail there from the attack of a mob of infuriated citizens who threaten summary vengeance upon William Ward, a strange negro in the community, incarcerated there and who to day made a brutal attempt to criminally assault Mrs. W. J. McLeod, wife of a respected citizen of Moltonville, four miles from Clinton.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning the negro entered the home where Mrs. McLeod was alone, choked her and threatened to cut her throat when she broke away and ran screaming into the yard.

### Negro Pursued Victim.

The negro gave pursuit and was in the act of dragging her back into the house when her screams attracted a young white man passing who reached the scene in time to see the negro flee to the woods.

Bloodhounds from the county convict camp at Clinton were put on the trail three hours later and the negro was finally captured after some resistance in the edge of a swamp, identified fully by Mrs. McLeod and hurried off to Clinton by the sheriff who called for military protection when the crowd began to gather.

Mrs. McLeod received no injury other than a severe shock and the military believe they have the situation well in hand.

## SHAO YI LEAVES.

### Special Chinese Ambassador Sails From New York For Home.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Tang Shao Yi, special Chinese ambassador to the United States, accompanied by his suite, sailed on the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, for Plymouth today.

He will go direct to London. The stay of the ambassador in this country was curtailed some six weeks by imperial decree, although it was announced that his mission to Great Britain, France, Russia, Austria, Italy, Belgium and Sweden will be fulfilled as originally planned.

## Overman Will Be Re-elected.

(By Associated Press.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—The general assembly of North Carolina today voted separately for United States Senator. In the house the vote was Lee R. Overman, Democrat, 90, Spencer R. Adams, Republican, 26.

In the senate, Overman, 26, Adams, 8. The joint session will be held on Thursday and Senator Overman will be re-elected to succeed himself.

## STILL A MYSTERY WHO BROUGHT LIBEL ACTIONS

### Did Federal Government or Individuals, Sue in Connection With Panama Canal Purchase?

## GRAND JURY CONDUCTING INQUIRY

### Brother of President-Elect and Brother-in-Law of President Roosevelt Are Examined—Both Refuse to Talk—Hinted That President Expect Indictments in Washington.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The question of whether or not the Federal government or individuals, or both, instituted the proceedings for libel in connection with the Panama canal purchase, still remains a mystery in so far as the general public is concerned.

So completely have the tracks in the complaint been covered that not the slightest intimation has been given which would clear up this important and much discussed point.

The Federal grand jury here today continued its investigation into the matter and a number of witnesses were examined.

### Taft and Robinson Reticent.

Principal among these were Messrs. Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, and Charles P. Taft, brother of President-elect Taft, both of whom maintained silence regarding their testimony and absolutely refused to say whether or not they appeared as plaintiffs.

All the Washington correspondents who were cited to appear gave information establishing their connection with either the New York World or Indianapolis News, while several news dealers and a newsboy testified to having sold the papers to the general public.

Other witnesses will be heard tomorrow.

### Indictment is Expected.

Interest in the case continues unabated, and it is now hinted that it is the expectation of the President that an indictment will be brought in the District of Columbia regardless of any action taken in New York or Indianapolis.

In that event the prosecuting officers of the government entertain no fear of their ability to bring here those who may be made the defendants.

For many years the decisions in the libel suits against Charles A. Dana, publisher of the New York Sun which relieved the defendant of the necessity of appearing in Washington to stand trial, stood in the way of actions such as has now been brought.

### Change Has Been Effected.

But it is contended, a change in the courts and a change in the laws have negated those decisions.

The District code expressly provides for punishment for libel, but the government's officials maintain that the definition of a libel must be obtained by resorting to the common law.

If therefore, leaves no room for doubt that the present inquiry is not based upon any statute, but upon the common law "in the interest of the public welfare."

## TO RELIEVE SUFFERERS.

### Government Will Send Lumber to Italy to Build 500 Homes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—Another development in the administration's plan to send materials to Italy for the construction of small homes for the earthquake sufferers is the decision of the navy department to send lumber for 500 homes from New Orleans, supplementing the materials for fifteen hundred houses to be sent from New York.

The department is engaged in the task of chartering a half dozen vessels to transport the materials, which will be sent to the scene of the recent disaster in the latter part of this week.

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