

CURRENCY BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

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A SCHEME TO RELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT

The Purposes of the Bill Are to Transfer from the Government to the Banks the Responsibility of Protecting the Necessary Gold Reserve—The Measure Provides for International Banking and a Division of Banking Currency Under a Board of Control—The United States to Be Divided into Clearing House Districts.

Washington, March 9.—Chairman Fowler, of the house committee on banking and currency tomorrow will introduce an important financial measure framed by the Republican members of the committee after conference extending through the last two months. It brings together into one financial measure a number of propositions which have been urged separately heretofore.

Mr. Fowler explains the purposes of the bill as follows:

To transfer from the government to the banks the responsibility of protecting the necessary gold reserve and the burden of furnishing gold for exports, thereby saving our commerce from the destructive apprehensions growing out of the demand for gold in the treasury, which can now only be replenished by a tax imposed upon the people through the sale of bonds and to provide a currency always responsive and adequate to the demands of trade everywhere and to equalize and lower the average rate of interest in all parts of the United States; to secure for American enterprise and American capital the privileges and opportunities of engaging in international banking under national law, and so lay a foundation upon which to build an American reserve fund, to remove the last vestige of doubt with regard to the currency, which is the measure provided for international banking, and a division of banking and currency is established under a board of control, instead of a single individual in the person of the comptroller of the currency as heretofore. The board will consist of three members, whose terms of office are for twelve years, and arranged that only one member will retire every four years.

NATIONAL BANKS ASSUME OBLIGATIONS.

If the measure now introduced should become a law, it is confidently believed that the national banks will assume the current redemption in gold coin of one hundred and thirty millions of United States notes. In consideration of the obligations assumed by the national banks, they will have the right during the succeeding five years to issue gradually as business may require an amount of bank notes equal to the amount of gold coin they hold and unimpaired capital; provision being made also for an emergency circulation. As the notes are taken out for circulation the banks will deposit with the government a sum of five per cent of the amount of the notes so issued. The national banks heretofore will be required to pay interest upon the government deposits at the rate of one per cent annum.

THE LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

Philadelphia, March 9.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say that the coal trade continued restricted in output and transportation to market during the past week. Renewed storms and floods interfered with mining and the movement of coal, so that the demand is as large as heretofore, and the supply of most sizes short. Various idiosyncrasies, however, are being gotten into order again and there will probably be a better supply for this week. The advent of spring, but more settled weather, will bring some relief, but it will take considerable time for the coal producing companies to cope with the demand and fill up the vacant storage yards. The present prices of coal it is now expected will continue until May and the usual spring discount must be put into effect until that time.

Will Give Work to 8,000.

Shenkin, Pa., March 9.—The local collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Union Coal Company, which were closed down last week by the flood, have resumed operations today, along with a number of mines operated by individual companies. Railroad sidings are again free of water and snow, and cars are being supplied to the collieries. The resumption of operations will give work to 8,000 men and boys who have been out of employment since the recent storms.

Mr. Wilson Will Not Resign.

Washington, March 9.—The attention of Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, was called today to reports that he contemplated soon resigning from President Roosevelt's cabinet. The secretary treated the subject very lightly, declaring that the report was news to him, and adding in reply to a specific inquiry that he had no intention of taking the step suggested.

BERLIN PAPERS SATISFIED.

Highly Pleased with the Reception of Prince Henry.

Berlin, March 9.—Some of the daily papers have begun summing up Prince Henry's trip to the United States. Their tone is one of complete satisfaction. They declare the prince's trip was never intended to have any specific political aims, but merely purposed to bring about an improvement in the popular feeling in both countries.

The Boersen Zeitung admits that its most sanguine expectations have been exceeded by the occurrences of the prince's trip, and says the hearty welcome which was accorded to him was greater than could have been expected.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Attention of Senate and House Will Be Devoted to Ship Subsidy Bill and Rural Free Delivery.

Washington, March 9.—The attention of the senate will be divided again this week between the ship subsidy bill and the bill providing for the punishment of persons who assault or kill the president of the United States, the former holding the place of unfinished business, and the latter coming in for consideration when there is no one prepared to speak on the ship subsidy question. Among those who have announced their intention to speak on the ship subsidy bill is Senator Vest, but the condition of his health, which remains far from robust, may prevent his addressing the senate. Senator Mallory also will talk on this subject, but beyond these no set addresses have been announced. However, there undoubtedly will be a number of short speeches on the bill. No prepared speech on the presidential assault bill has been announced, but there is no doubt the lawyers of the senate will continue to find more or less to say on this subject whenever opportunity shall offer. At odd times, the calendar will be taken up. Altogether, the week in the senate promises to be an exciting one.

THE HOUSE THIS WEEK.

The house this week, after disposing of the bill to classify the rural free delivery carriers and place the carriers under the contract system, will devote its attention to appropriation bills. The postoffice appropriation bill, which will be taken up first, probably, will require three days. It will be followed by the river and harbor bill. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the rural free delivery bill will be defeated when the vote is taken tomorrow.

FIRE AT MISSION SCHOOL.

Buildings Used by Teachers at Japan Are Destroyed.

Lebanon, Pa., March 9.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Lemberger, treasurer of the board of trustees of the mission school at Lebanon, Pa., has just received word that the school buildings at Zenidia, Japan, which is maintained by the church, has been totally destroyed by fire.

NO HOPE FOR MRS. MAYBRICK.

Not Included in Coronation Amnesty—Her Mother's Statement.

London, March 9.—The Baroness de Rouques (mother of Mrs. Florence Maybrick) denies all the reports that her daughter will be included in the coronation amnesty. She said to a representative of The Associated Press: "I have not received information of any sort relating to Mrs. Maybrick's possible release. I have no anticipation of such release or knowledge of any intended coronation amnesty."

Three Jailbirds Escaped.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 9.—Mitchell Mizell, in jail on a charge of murder, and George Taylor and Isaac Woodley, wanted for small offenses, have broken through the walls of the jail at Holledge, Tenn., last night. When the jailer went to the morning room, he discovered the three men in a room. They had taken their pistols, locked the door and were sleeping.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 9.—Arrived: L'Aquila, Havre; Prave Point—Passed: Haverford, Antwerp for New York; Horta—Fayal—Arrived: Euribia, New York for Liverpool.

Cecil Rhodes Improving.

Cape Town, March 9.—Cecil Rhodes, who is suffering from agna pectoris, passed a good night and was better today.

KLUMP MURDER MYSTERY.

Poisoner Is Apparently No Nearer Apprehension Than a Week Ago.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 9.—The mystery surrounding the sending through the mails of a poisoned headache powder to Mrs. Ada Klump, of Lowell, causing her death a week ago today, is seemingly no nearer a solution than on the day of the arrest of William Klump, her husband, last Thursday. The theory that some woman in the affections of Klump conspired the plot and carried it out, still holds with the officers who are conducting the investigation.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN CONSULS IN A DISPUTE

A Wrangle Over Two Acres of Land at Tien-Tsin Is Liable to Cause International Complications.

Tien-Tsin, March 9.—The mission property here, which is in dispute between the French and American consuls, is less than two acres in extent. It borders the American mission property and was previously occupied by undesirable Chinamen. The French consul stopped building operations on the disputed property and placed a policeman there. The French flag has not been raised over the property.

ARMENIANS TO EMIGRATE.

Those in the Erzerum District Will Go to Russia En Masse.

London, March 9.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says the unresolvable dispute between the Turkish and the Armenian consuls at Erzerum has resulted in a determination on the part of the Armenians in the Erzerum district to emigrate en masse to Russia. Gross outrages by Moslems on Christians are reported from two villages near Monastir.

TESTIFIES AGAINST BROTHER.

Aged Criminal Tells of Plot to Rob National Stock Yards Bank.

Belleville, Ill., March 9.—There was a dramatic scene in the circuit court here today. Harry Meyers, one of the most notorious safe-blowers in the country, who is serving a twenty-year sentence in Chester penitentiary, was brought here to confront his brother Charles and testify against him. Sylvester Savignac and John Stevens, who are on trial charged with the National Stock Yards Bank robbery.

Bradford Will Indorse Elkin.

Towanda, Pa., March 9.—The Bradford county Republican primaries, held yesterday, to select a candidate for congress in the Fourth district, gave the county endorsement to J. H. Elkin, who received about 1,200 majority over W. J. Young, the anti-quay candidate.

State Base Ball League.

Williamsport, Pa., March 9.—William A. Williams, of Reading, president of the Pennsylvania State League of Base Ball clubs, has made arrangements to have this city represented in that organization this season. The league is now composed of clubs in Scranton, Williamsport, Hazleton, Reading, Lebanon, Lancaster, St. Charles and Williamsport.

Illness of Mr. McLeod.

New York, March 9.—A. A. McLeod, former president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, who has been suffering from an attack of agna pectoris, was much improved tonight.

VANDERBILTS ENTERTAIN THE PRINCE

The Royal Visitor Meets a Number of Persons of Social Prominence.

HEARS CONCERT BY THE ARION SOCIETY

Favorite American Songs Are Rendered by the Prize-Winning Organization of Brooklyn—The Singers Highly Complimented—An Elaborate Luncheon Served at the University Club.

NEW YORK WAS NOT DRY

Drinks Could Be Procured Behind Doors and Accompanied by the Sandwich.

New York, March 9.—Despite the alleged promises of the saloon keepers that to day should be the very driest day on record, so far as New York was concerned, the man or woman who wished had little or no trouble in purchasing drinks. About the only noticeable difference in getting one was that the thirsty man was not allowed to stand at the bar and with an attendant he was forced to sit down to the "property" sandwich, left over from earlier days of Raines law reign.

A TERRIBLE MASSACRE.

Five Thousand Chinese Butchered by Russians.

London, March 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Berlin says that the Russian general, Gribski, who was responsible for the massacre at Blagovestchensk, has been dismissed from the army. According to reports of the Blagovestchensk massacre, about 5,000 Chinese were driven by the Russians into the Amur river. Russian troops on the banks clubbed or shot any who attempted to land, and the river bank was strewn with corpses for miles.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 9.—B. Frank Dungan, one of Stroudsburg's most popular citizens, died early yesterday from the effects of paralysis and hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Dungan was born in Philadelphia fifty-eight years ago, coming to Mead before the Civil war, in which the deceased very nobly served his country.

Gov. Odell Dines with President.

Washington, March 9.—Governor Odell, of New York, dined with President Roosevelt at the white house this evening, remaining after the dinner until a late hour. Tomorrow night he will again dine with the chief executive. According to the present plans of the governor he will remain here until Tuesday morning, although he may return to Albany late tomorrow night. His visit here is simply for recreation and his mission is not to discuss politics.

Miss Roosevelt Leaves for Havana.

Washington, March 9.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, the daughter of the president, with several friends, left for Havana, Cuba, this morning for a visit to General and Mrs. Leonard Wood at Havana, going by rail to Florida. Mrs. Harriet Blaine Wood and Captain Philip were also of the party. Miss Roosevelt expects to return to Washington the latter part of the month.

Philadelphia Walking Match.

Philadelphia, March 10.—The race was started at 12:30 o'clock and among the seventy men who started were the following well known pedestrians: Pat Cavanaugh, Gilbert Barnes, George Tracy, Harry Shelton, Peter Hegelman, George Norman, John Gluck, Tom Howarth, Jim Deane, Sam Day, Roy Loring, Pat Powers, Frank Hart and Ed Cavanaugh.

STEAMER EURURIA NOW AT AZORES

The Gunard Liner Towed Into the Harbor of Horta Yesterday.

WIRELESS SIGNALS WERE NOT ANSWERED

The Big Steamer Without Propeller or Rudder—Although the Eururia Had Just Finished Speaking by Wireless Telegraphy to the Umbria, as the Accident Occurred, the Signals Failed to Work When an Effort Was Made to Again Secure the Attention of the Umbria.

ALARMING CONDITIONS PREVAIL AT JEHOI

Bandit Soldiers Capture a Priest. 500 Troops Despatched to the Scene—Wires Are Cut.

Pekin, March 9.—Chinese officials are greatly disturbed over the conditions at Jehoi (Cheng Te), about 100 miles northeast of Peking, where bandit soldiers have captured a priest. An official of the foreign office declares that the Russians have already despatched 500 troops to Jehoi from the Manchurian border.

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SECOND NOTE TO PORTE.

American Legation Presents to Sultan Communication Regarding Capture of Miss Stone.

Constantinople, March 9.—The American legation has today presented to the sultan the second note referring to the capture of Miss Ellen M. Stone. In this note it is pointed out that Miss Stone was captured, the ransom paid, and the brigands must be within the Turkish frontier and should therefore be captured.

Will Defray Expenses of Convention.

Shamokin, Pa., March 9.—The Merchants' Protective association last night resolved to defray the expense of the United Mine Workers' convention which will be held at Shamokin, Pa., on March 15.—According to resolutions for three hundred delegates has already been passed. The committee on entertainments expects that in several days looking for some 200 to 300 additional miners' representatives will have been obtained.

HIGH WATER AT EVANSVILLE.

Great Alarm Is Felt on the Green River in Indiana.

Evansville, Ind., March 9.—There is great alarm here over the high water. At 9 o'clock tonight the river stood at 32.6 feet and was still rising. It is almost certain a stage of 41 feet will be reached. Fanned by the wind, the water is being driven into the levees. Several saw mills along the Green River are submerged and the loss will be large. A stage of 41 feet will be the highest since the great flood of 1884.

Great Run of Coal Down the Ohio.

Cincinnati, March 9.—The present rise in the Ohio river has started a great run of coal for the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. The rivermen say more than 8,000,000 bushels from the Pittsburg district and more than 2,000,000 from the West Virginia mines out of the Kanawha are now on the way.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 9.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Penna.; sunny, fair north, increasing cloudiness; Tuesday, fair north, winds shifting to east.