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ARE ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN

Unless Session of Congress Ends To-day There Will Be Much Embarrassment.

WOULD LOWER WOOD'S RANK

The President's Favorite and a Great Number of Other Officers Would Suffer.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Unless there is an agreement by both houses of Congress to adjourn the present extra session before noon Monday, when the regular session begins, all nominations must fail, and if the present session ends by limit, thus preventing the President from sending recess apointments to the Senate, all pending recess appointments must terminate at the convening of Congress in its regular session.

These considerations to-day furnished the incentive for a number of conferences looking to an agreement to adjourn on Monday, or even to-morrow in order to permit the President to send in recess appointments. Friends of General Wood are vitally interestd, and will try to bring about adjournment by concurrent action. Failure of action would mean General Wood's reversion to the rank of brigadier-general, and have similar effect on the appointments of 167 army officers advanced by reason of General Wood's promotion, all of whom have assumed the ranks and pay of their new appointments in the same manner as though this promotion had been confirmed by the Senate.

It is argued by senators who have given serious thought to the question involved, that a recess must occur between the termination of the present extra session and the beginning of the next session in order to relieve the embarrassment resultant on failure to confirm the army nominations referred to. The merging of the special session into the regular session would leave only an infinitesimal recess, and not sufficient, it is feared, for recess appointments to be made.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs will convene Monday at 11 o'clock to resume its hearing of the Wood case. If the hearing should continue one minute after 12 o'clock the committee would be in the unique situation of investigating a matter which was not pending before the Senate.

OPPOSE UNION LABELS AND EIGHT-HOUR DAY

(By Associated Press.)

DAYTON, OHIO, Dec. 4.—Before adjournment to-day the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Industrial Association resolved against members placing union label on articles of their own manufacture. They also took ground in opposition to the eight hour bill now pending in Congress. They provided for the formation of a labor information bureau for the use of members. A platform was adopted as an open letter to the public, which says in part:

"The present industrial conditions have become so deplorable by reason of the indefensible methods and claims of organized labor that the time has come when the employing interests and good citizenship of the country must take immediate and effective measures to reaffirm and enforce those fundamental principles of American government guaranteeing free competitive conditions."

IMPORTANT RAID MADE ON COUNTERFEITERS

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—What is considered by the United States government secret service officials to be one of the most important raids that has even taken place in the city of Boston was successfully carried out to-day in the neighboring town of Revere, when three men, all said to be well known counterfeiters, were arrested, and an extensive plant and an enormous supply of paper for printing notes was confiscated.

The government officials stated to-night that there was paper enough in the house where the raid took place to print more than a million dollars' worth of notes, while the plates and handpresses were of the finest workmanship. The men arrested were John Davis, Joseph Boumenblitt and Moses Novak, and it is understood that the government made seven simultaneous arrests in or near New York.

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THE W. U. STRIKE.

Public Thinks Reduction Was Very Inopportune.

The Western Union Telegraph Company still has a corps of negro men and boys on duty as messengers delivering telegrams and performing the usual duties of messenger boys. Nearly all the white boys have removed their buttons and stripes, and are not so easily recognized. Whatever of public sympathy is being manifested, is warmly with the boys.

Superintendent Clary still maintains his position that the revenues of the office do not justify the company in paying more for messenger service, and that, acting under orders from his superiors, he has nothing else to do but enforce the new scale.

Public sentiment is well nigh unanimous in the position that it was a most inopportune time to inaugurate a cut of from twenty-five to forty per cent. in the pay of the messengers in midwinter, and on the eve of the Christmas holidays.

A disturbance was reported yesterday from the vicinity of Main and Eleventh Streets, due to the striking of a white boy by a negro messenger. Bystanders took the part of the white boy and were punishing the negro when a colored driver started to the rescue. He, too, was being attended to, when a cry of police put the entire bunch to flight before any serious damage had been done to the bones of physiognomies of the participants. No arrests was made.

SMUGGLED CHINAMEN GO DOWN TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 4.—A wagon load of Chinamen who were being smuggled into this country was overturned early to-day and fell into the Erie Canal. Four of the Chinamen were drowned.

Bishop Opposes Opera.

(By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, D. D., bishop of Long Island, preached a sermon in St. Paul's Chapel, New York, to-day in which he protested against the forthcoming production of "Parsifal," in this city.

Herbert Spencer Very Ill.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A bulletin issued here this evening announces that the condition of Herbert Spencer, the famous writer, who has been ill for some time, is causing grave anxiety.

VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYDTON, VA., Dec. 4.—E. W. Overby, cashier of the Bank of Mecklenburg, is spending his annual vacation in Kentucky, attending the meeting of the Kentucky Hunt Club, which is spending this week in a royal hunt. Mr. Overbey took two of his choice dogs with him.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—The ladies of Hampton to-day formed an auxiliary to the Jamestown Exposition Company, holding an enthusiastic meeting. Mrs. R. S. Hudgins was elected president.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 4.—The local chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, this afternoon elected Mrs. Andrew J. Montague, wife of the Governor, an honorary member. This was done as a mark of recognition for her activity in the furtherance of benevolent causes inaugurated in behalf of former Confederates and their widows. The chapter is to make an annual appropriation towards the maintenance of the Confederate Woman's Home, in Richmond.

WILMINGTON, VA.—Icehouses in some sections have been filled. Many of the oldest inhabitants say they can never remember the time when ice was harvested in November before.

WYTHEVILLE, VA.—Chesley Peoples, who shot and killed John Seagle here yesterday morning, was given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Mayor William Terry in the presence of a large crowd of spectators.

The evidence against Peoples was very damaging and the Mayor promptly sent him on to answer an indictment to be made by the next grand jury.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA.—At the last meeting of the Town Council Mr. I. E. Spatig was elected Mayor of the town in the place of Mr. I. E. Britt, who has moved to Portsmouth.

MALVERN HILL, VA.—Mrs. Ramsey, of Westover, entertained the Westover Circle of the King's Daughters on the 5th instant.

ROANOKE, VA.—Mr. F. M. Graham, who is now agent and trainmaster of the Norfolk and Western, at Durham, N. C., has been appointed agent at Norfolk, Va., to succeed W. S. Battle, Jr., appointed claim agent.

PETERSBURG, VA.—The farmers of Dinwiddie Prince George and Chesterfield are invited to an institute to be held in this city on the 14th instant, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture. Discussion of subjects of practical importance to farmers will be had. Among the speakers will be Hon. G. W. Koiner, commissioner of agriculture; Prof. Heiges, manager of the State Test Farm, and others.

THE STORIES ARE ABSURD

So Says Hanna About Reported Break With the President.

"PREPOSTEROUS ABSURDITY"

Conference Between Senator and President Over Panama Canal and Other Matters.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt and Senator Hanna had a conference of several hours' duration at the White House to-night, at which the Panama canal situation and important legislation to come before Congress was discussed, with incidental references to the case of General Leonard Wood and the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. Senator Hanna would say nothing as to the conference. His acceptance of the management of the next Republican campaign will depend on his health.

It was announced that the reports circulated that there had been or was likely to be a break in the existing pleasant relations between the President and senator amounted to "a preposterous absurdity." The President himself desires it understood that hereafter he will not take occasion to refer to these reports or to dignify them with any attention. It may be said that the relations between the two are those of cordial and appreciative friendship.

Mr. Hanna took occasion to-night to discuss the present Panama canal situation, especially its diplomatic phases, very fully with the President. Their agreement on the subject was absolute. Both, it can be said, are confident the position taken by the administration will be approved by the American people. Senator Hanna, while he declined to discuss the conference, said:

"All these stories about wide differences between the President and myself are absurd."

NEGRO ELKS.

White Lodges Protest Against Their Being Chartered.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 4.—Delegations from the Elks Lodges of Jackson, Vicksburg, Natchez and McComb City called on the Governor to-day and requested him to withhold his approval of the charter for the negro lodge of Elks of this State. They declared that the name Elks has been copyrighted by the white lodges, and that the charter of the colored lodges would be an infringement.

The Governor stated that if proof to this effect could be produced he would not approve the charter. In the meantime he will suspend all action in the matter until the proof shall be forthcoming.

ABLE-BODIED BEGGARS INFEST THE STREETS

The cold weather has brought a considerable number of beggars to the city or turned many here into beggars—big, strong, able-bodied beggars. They are fighting shy of the police, but accost pedestrians at dark corners at night with: "Mister, gimme a few pennies to buy me sum brade." They are mean looking beggars, too, who very probably turn thieves when the people leave the streets at night. They do not have far to turn. Two such were in the Police Court yesterday morning and went to work for thirty days.

DECIDES AGAINST THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—In the case of S. Martens against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, involving the long and short haul question, the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day held that the lumber rate of 10 cents for the shorter haul from intermediate points to Louisville as against a similar charge for longer haul from the same points to Nashville was unduly discriminating. The commission decides that a difference of one cent in the rates is sufficient to offset the difference in circumstances and conditions as between two points, any greater difference being in violation of the interstate commerce law.

A WEALTHY BANKER COMMITS SUICIDE

(By Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 4.—George D. Wood, president of the bank of Colfax, and director of other banks in Iowa, committed suicide at his home, in Colfax, to-day by shooting himself through the head.

Wood was 43 years of age. He was married a year ago to a nurse, who attended a former wife, during her last illness. Domestic trouble is supposed to have caused the suicide. Wood was worth over $250,000, and his accounts were straight.

ALDERMEN ADMIT THAT THEY RECEIVED BRIBES

(By Associated Press.)

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Dec. 4.—The most interesting features in the water boodle scandal to-day were the confessions of ex-Alderman Abram Ghysels, of the Sixth Ward, and Carey Bissell, former member of the Board of Public Works, that they accepted the bribes mentioned by Salsbury in confession.

Late this afternoon ex-Alderman Ghysels went to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ward's office and made a statement of the boodle transaction, acknowledging that he accepted an envelope from Salsbury containing $300. This confession was followed a few minutes later by the appearance of Mr. Bissell, who also made a statement of his connection with the deal, acknowledging that he had accepted $300 and otherwise corroborating Salsbury's statement that he approached members of the Council with the boodle proposition.

ACCUSED POSTAL CLERKS HAVE NO WITNESSES

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 4.—Pinning confidence in the belief that the prosecution has been able to make a case against former Postal Clerks Thomas W. McGregor and Columbus E. Upton, counsel for the defense in the widely-known trial for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government by selling leather pouches at exorbitant prices, decided to-day to close the case without putting a single witness on the stand to testify for their clients.

William S. Bryan, of counsel for the accused, sprung a big surprise when he arose and said:

"We do not think the government has made a prima facie case, and therefore we will offer no witnesses."

Mr. Bryan then announced that prayers will be prepared to-morrow and exchanged between counsel. Argument on the prayers will be offered Monday.

GROCER'S WAGON ROBBED ON THE STREET

Mr. J. E. Eubank, a grocer of Church Hill, complains that his delivery wagons are being held up and robbed while on their way to the houses of customers. Three times have the wagons been robbed. The last time it was at Twenty-ninth and Marshall Streets. The highwaymen were said to be negroes. The breakfasts of half a dozen families were stolen.

At the time of another holdup, the wagon was robbed of everything but a can of kerosene oil. The proprietor of the grocery is amazed that such things can happen here. He has applied for one of his men who goes out after dark to be allowed to go armed, but this was refused.

THE ANNEXATION BILL OF COLONEL ANDERSON

The bill drawn by Colonel George Wayne Anderson, relating to the annexation of territory by cities and towns, which passed the Senate yesterday, provides that when cities or towns desire to annex territory they shall give notice of their wish to the Commonwealth's attorney of the county in which such territory lies, and that this notice shall be printed once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper having circulation in the affected territory.

The application shall then be heard by the judge of the circuit court, without a jury, the said judge being designated by the Governor from some section of the State other than that affected, and he shall either order or refuse to allow the annexation after hearing both sides of the case presented. Both parties have right of appeal to the Supreme Court.

FARMER DRAGGED BY HIS RUNAWAY HORSE

Mr. J. B. Gibson, the farmer whose horses ran away yesterday morning, and who was thrown out and severely injured, was said at the City Hospital last night to be getting along nicely.

Mr. Gibson was thrown from his wagon at Thirteenth and Franklin Streets, his feet became entangled in the reins and he was dragged a considerable distance. Dr. Crump, who attended him, found that his head has been cut severely in several places and a rib had been broken.

Mr. Swanson Arrives.

Congressman Claude A. Swanson, of the Fifth District, arrived in the city yesterday evening from Newport News, where, with Congressman Williams, of Mississippi, and others he has been attending a meeting in the interest of the prospective Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. Swanson is at Murphy's, and was surrounded by a group of friends the greater part of the evening. In answer to inquiry as to his prospective gubernatorial candidacy, he expressed himself as much encouraged by the assurances he had received from various sections of the State. There is no doubt whatever of the candidacy of Mr. Swanson for the governorship or that he will remain in the race.

WILL CONTROL MACEDONIA

To Place the Balkan State Under a Plan of Administration Similar to That in Crete.

PEACE FOR RUSSIA AND JAPAN

The Reply of Russia to Japan's Proposal is About Ready and Provides for Concessions.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Negotiations begun to-day by the Powers may result in an international administration for Macedonia. In order to prevent another Macedonian uprising in the spring, attended by unspeakable horrors, and the danger of a war between Turkey and Bulgaria as a consequence, Russia and Austria have proposed to the other Powers that immediate steps be taken to put into operation a plan which in its general outline resembles that now enforced in Crete. This proposal is the result of the acceptance in principle by the Sultan three days ago of the Russo-Austrian note concerning reforms in Macedonia, which was submitted to the Porte after the recent conference between Czar Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph of an international gendarmerie, to be formed for the preservation of order, and which power will be placed in supreme command of the gendarmerie, must be settled the negotiations between the Powers.

The Powers will this time unite in the appointment of a Christian Governor of Macedonia.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Peace Proposals Will Prove Acceptable to Both.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4.—Russia's reply to Japan's proposals is almost completed, but will not be ready for transmission to Tokio till next week. A strong hope is expressed in official circles that the answer will prove acceptable to Japan in the main, if not in all the details.

Russia will make concessions, but in turn proposes modifications, which, it is said, will not be of a radical character. It is reiterated that the present state of the negotiations is confined to a determination of the general question relating to the rights of the respective powers in Corea. The Czar and the foreign officers have freely consulted Viceroy Alexieff in the preparation of the reply.

While it is not admitted that the meeting of the Japanese Parliament December 8th has hastened the matter, there has been unusual activity at the Foreign Office for several days.

Eleven Miners Killed.

(By Associated Press.)

LIEGE, BELGIUM, Dec. 4.—Eleven coal miners were killed to-day at the Gasson-Laquasse mine at Montegnee through the breaking of the rope by which a cage was being hauled up. The men were precipitated to the bottom of the pit and their bodies were horribly mangled.

WENT FROM VIRGINIA.

Matilda Slaughton Gales, Aged 110, From This State.

During the testimony of Tillie Todd, on trial in the West Side Criminal Court for grand larceny, she made reference to her grandmother as being one of the witnesses who knew that she was at her home on the day on which she was said to have committed the crime. When asked why the witness had not been brought into court, she answered: Granny is 110 years old, and we could not get her here to-day She was here, though, the last time my case was set for trial."

When a reporter knocked at the door of the little house at No. 1414 Twenty-seventh Street, the oldest living person in Denver responded, and in the dialect of the "South before the wah" darkey invited the visitor to "cum in and hab a seat befo' de fiah."

Matilda Slaughton Gales is the name of this remarkable woman. She was born on a plantation in Virginia on February 22, 1793. When the Civil War came on, like a great many slaves, she remained loyal to "ole mahstah and ole missus an' de chillun" all through the bloody conflict between the blue and the gray.

A DISTINGUISHED MASTER.

"Aunt" Matilda belonged to Colonel John B. Slaughter, owner of one of the largest plantations in the South before the war. It was situated near Richmond, Va., and the memory of the Colonel still lives in those regions. He left a large amount of money to Richmond College at his death, and a large oil painting of him hangs in the hall of fame of the institution, along with the portraits of Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and others of equal note.

When the Colonel died he left an equal share of property situated in Ohio to each of his former slaves who were living at the time of his death. "Aunt" Matilda was one of these, and she still owns her property. This is located near Columbus, Ohio. She came to Colorado sixteen years ago with her only living daughter.

There are six generations of children who can trace their lineage to this aged woman. She was married in 1811 to Alexander Gales, and still has the marriage certificate. She also has the family Bible, in which is recorded the family history for fifty years from the time of the marriage to 1875. It shows that up to 1875 she had seventy-five grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren, seven great-great-great-grandchildren, five great-great-great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchild. How many have been added to the list since 1875 no one knows.

HER OWN STORY.

The old woman's story is as follows: "Well, I jes' disremembers 'zactly how ole I is, but it am in de Bible. I were born in ole Virginny long befo' de wah, and I was in all dem troublesome times. De fust time I seed de soldiers was when ole mahstah was ridin' up de road and de band was playin' 'Dixie.' De little niggers was runnin' 'long wid de band, and ole mahstah were riding' 'long on a big gray hoss named 'Major.' He looked mighty gran', I tell you. When de war was ober, ole mahstah called us all to him an' he tole us dat we was free an' we could go away if we wanted to, but dat we could stay dar if we wanted to. We all stayed, and dar were more den a hundred of us, too. Ole Mahstah died a little while after de war was ober, and when he died he lef' all of his niggers some lan' up in Ohio. I stayed wid de family until ole missus died and de girls got married, an' den I went to Ohio. All of ole mahstah's boys got killed in de war. But I didn't like dem niggers in Ohio and me an' my daughter an' her gal Tillie come out here to Colorado. My ole man died in 1885, and he was 98 years ole then. I reckon I will stay here a little while, but I is ready to go whar ole mastah an' ole missus is any time de Lord calls me."

The children and grandchildren of this old woman live all over the United States and in Canada. Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and the Indian Territory have representatives of the generations. One son lives in the Indian Territory and is a successful farmer.

Tillie Todd, who was acquitted, was charged with stealing a number of articles of clothing from Mrs. Charles A. Barker, No. 3121 Homer Boulevard, while she was employed there as a domestic.—Denver (Col.) Post.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates to the general public on December 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, good for return passage until January 4, 1904, and to students and faculties of schools and colleges These tickets will be sold on December 16th to 22d, good for return passage until January 8, 1904. Round trip to Norfolk, $3.60; to Lynchburg, $5.00, and corespondingly low rates to other points on Norfolk and Western Railway. Apply to W. Steele, Ticket Agent, Byrd Street, Union Station, or to the Richmond Transfer Company, or to John E. Wagner, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Office of the Company, 838 Main Street.

C. H. BOSLEY,
District Passenger Agent.

STOLE $7,000 IN BONDS AND STOCKS

Thieves Walked Off With Pouch While Bank Messenger Registered Letters.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 4.—Stewart Hill, a messenger for the Merchants National Bank, went into the registry division of the postoffice in this city to-day. He laid his pouch, containing $7,000 in bonds, coupons and stocks, on a table while he registered a letter. While his back was turned two men entered, one of whom grabbed the pouch and made off, followed by his companion. The messenger gave the alarm, but both of the men succeeded in escaping.

Late to-night the satchel was found in a hallway, three blocks from the postoffice. A score of letters and checks aggregating in value $6,000 were in the satchel, but nine registered letters, believed to contain $6,330 in negotiable stocks, bonds and currency, were missing.

The police arrested John B. King, alias David G. Bliss, alias Dr. Bliss, during the afternoon on the charge of being a suspicious character. King was partially identified to-night as one of the men who were in the postoffice to-day when young Hill lost his satchel. No trace of the missing registered letters has been found. They were mailed at New York, Philadelphia, Birmingham, Ala., and other points in the South.

Housewifely Hints.

Canned Okra is a delicious addition to beef soup in winter. One part of tomatoes to three parts of okra will supply sufficient acid to make the okra keep, though some folks think the more tomatoes the better the taste, and we often add onions to a part of the jars.—T. C.

Pumpkin Custard.—This is a delicious dessert to serve for the Thanksgiving supper; pare and cut sufficient pumpkin to make two quarts of blocks, and put them into a steamer with one cup of water and half a teaspoon of salt; steam until perfectly tender. There should not be a particle of water when the pumpkin is done. Press through a sieve, add two tablespoons of butter, and stand in the ice box over night. The next morning add to the pumpkin a pint of rich milk, three eggs beaten with one cup of powdered sugar, a teaspoon of powdered cinnamon, and the grated rind and juice of one lemon. Turn this mixture into small custard cups, and bake in a moderate oven for one hour. Serve cold with a tiny pyramid of whipped cream on each cup, dusted thickly with powdered sugar and grated lemon peel.—Eleanor Marchant.

Vanities are delicious. Beat two eggs very light, add a half teaspoon of salt, and work in enough flour to roll. Roll as thin as paper and cut with a large biscuit cutter, dropping the scraps into cold water to keep soft; these may be rolled again by working in a little flour. Drop the vanities into deep boiling fat, let them brown very lightly, lift out and put on a drainer. Then sprinkle with powdered sugar and cinnamon.—G. H. H.

The Housekeeper.

The frugal snail, with forecast of repose,
Carries his house with him where'er he goes;
Peeps out—and if there comes a shower of rain
Retreats to his small domicile again.
Touch but a tip of him, a horn—'tis well—
He curls up in his sanctuary shell,
He's his own landlord, his own tenant; stay
Long as he will, he dreads no quarterday.
Himself he boards and lodges; both invites
And feasts himself; sleeps with himself o' nights,
He spares the upholsterer trouble to procure
Chattels; himself is his own furniture,
And his sole riches. Wheresoe'er he roam—
Knock when you will—he's sure to be at home.

—Charles Lamb.

Sleep.

From out the blue space I lean to thee,
Child of mortality,
With fingers dipped in poppies' blood, I touch
Eyes that have wept o'ermuch—
Thine eyes, that shall for ont brief space forget
Griefs that they oft have met.

For one brief space despair, the pains of Life,
Sorrow and all ills rife
Shall be forgot, while Love and Fame and Power
Thine shall be, one short hour.
Drink now thy fill of Joy, of Gladness, Mirth
Waking comes, Child of Earth.

Two Compaints

I don't see why I can't get boarders; others do.

I have good rooms; I don't know why I don't rent them; others do.

One Remedy

'Phone 549, or send a postal to the Want Ad. Man. He will send you FREE his new plan, which is sure to fill your house at a small . . . COST. . . .