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SHERWOOD BILL STARTS BATTLE

Day-long Fight in House Over Proposed Increase in Pensions

DOLLAR-A-DAY MEASURE

DEBATE WILL CONTINUE DURING TODAY WITH DECIDING VOTE ON PASSAGE NEXT TUESDAY.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Advocates of increased pensions for the veterans of the civil war battled on the floor of the house today in the final stages of the fight to pass the Sherwood "dollar-a-day" bill.

The debate will continue tomorrow and next Tuesday with a deciding vote on the measure Tuesday afternoon. There were a few opponents to the increased pensions.

James Sherwood, oldest member of the house, who introduced the bill, in a speech today advocated its passage. He is a veteran of the federal army.

IMPORTATIONS TO THIS COUNTRY HEAVY

Special to Daily News.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Many have thought the United States so pre-eminent in agriculture that it could "feed the earth" without asking much odds of the rest of the world; and yet, according to the Secretary of Agriculture, we imported in 1911 the very considerable value of \$697,000,000 worth of things taken from the land.

In some things the United States is forging rapidly ahead. For instance, as the Washington Times remarked editorially a few days ago, the Thanksgiving tables of the country were once furnished forth with raisins and oranges grown beyond the sea, while now both of these luxuries are grown in the United States to the exclusion almost wholly of the foreign articles. A generation ago this country produced no lemons.

Now California produces one-half of all the country consumes, and it could produce the other half also; incidentally, the price to the consumer has decreased. Of course, these facts in home production have been accomplished with the aid of tariff protection. But how do the Italian producers of lemons still manage to sell one-half or more of the lemons consumed in the United States?

First, through cheaper conditions of production, especially in labor, cheap ocean freights, and a governmental subsidy. Secondly, by a system of rebates, part of which comes out of the revenues of the United States.

Ocean freight from Sicily to New York amounts to about 25 cents per box, but the steamship companies give a rebate of 5 cents, which goes into a slush fund used by the exporters in Palermo and the importers in New York to work for a reduction in the tariff levied by the United States.

In addition to this, there is a rebate of 6 cents a box on all lots of 1000 boxes or more. These rebates, it is said, have amounted to more than \$160,000 in a single year. The trade has been compelled to take notice of these rebates. Recently the New York Fruit Exchange issued a circular showing that the brokers got the amount of the rebate from the importers; that the rebate was deducted from the price that the fruit brought at auction, and that in consequence the published auction prices were higher than the prices actually paid.

There is another rebate enjoyed by the importers of lemons. This is granted to them by the United States Government on fruit imported which is claimed to be decayed and so adjudged by the inspectors. In the period from January to September, 1909, the total duty collected on lemons was \$1,212,059.84, and of this \$121,886.60, or 10.9 per cent, was paid back in rebates. In June the rebates were 19.8 per cent, in July 12 per cent, and in August 15 per cent of the duty paid. During the same period in 1910, the amount of duty collected was \$1,736,301.05, of which \$153,039.20, or 8.8 per cent, was rebated, making the average rebate for two years 9.7 per cent; but in May, 1910, the rebate amounted to 19.6 per cent, and in June, 1910, 13.7 per cent of the total collections; so that to this extent the "protection" of the tariff is mythical.

BATTLESHIP MAINE BLOWN FROM OUTSIDE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The battleship Maine was blown from the outside in the Havana Harbor. This is the gist of the statement issued today by the Navy Department, based on the findings of the joint Army and Navy Board which spent several months investigating the cause of the wreck.

WIFE ON JURY WITH HUSBAND

Occurs at Tacoma for First Time in Country's History

By Associated Press.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—"We voted together from the very first, and I guess we thought alike all along," said Mrs. Jacob Traylor, who with her husband sat two days on same jury and helped convict Meyer Cohen for embezzlement from the Moose Lodge.

This is the first time in the history of this country when husband and wife have served on the same jury. The husband and wife were the center of attraction to the many who attended the trial.

Jail Problems Under Discussion

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The need of a State reformatory for male misdemeanants between 16 and 21 years of age, together with other important problems confronting the judges of police courts and juvenile courts, are slated for discussion at the third annual State Conference of Magistrates, which met in this city today for a two days session.

WANT TO INVESTIGATE SHAFROTH CHARGES

By Associated Press.
Denver, Col., Dec. 8.—At the weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon former Governor Thomas demanded investigation of charges made against Governor Shafroth by operators in the northern coal fields to the effect that Governor Shafroth by his attitude is encouraging lawlessness among the striking coal miners in various coal camps. The demand was referred to the Chamber's coal committee.

The immigration department is investigating alleged importation of foreigners by coal companies in northern fields.

Poultry Show at Denver.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 8.—The twelfth annual exhibition of the Colorado Poultry Fanciers' Association opened in the Auditorium in this city today to continue until next Wednesday. Nearly 3,000 fancy-bred chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pigeons, rabbits and other varieties of poultry and pet stock are included in the display.

SHOOTS BIRDS FROM FLYING AEROPLANE

By Associated Press.
Minneapolis, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Flying in a biplane this afternoon with Lee Hammond as pilot William Simonson shot three blackbirds with as many shots from a twelve gauge gun which he carried. Two sparrows sitting on a branch of a tree also fell to Simonson's marksmanship.

BALTIMORE HOST TO GOVERNORS

Fifteen Executives From West and South Are Guests of City

By Associated Press.
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—The west and south met in Baltimore today when the governors of fifteen states gathered as guests of this city. The southerners held a conference on the question of immigration to the south and the westerners who are touring the country came to exhibit the resources of their states.

The concrete result of the southerners conference was the adoption of a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to study the immigration problem in the south.

EIGHT THOUSAND MANCHUS SLAIN

Terrific Slaughter Occurs During Battle in Sian Fu Province

NEWS BY MESSENGER

MISSIONS DESTROYED AND FOREIGNERS KILLED, INCLUDING SEVERAL AMERICANS, SAYS REPORT.

By Associated Press.
Peking, Dec. 8.—The first direct and uncensored news from Sian Fu since the recent outbreak there was brought here today by special messenger, and consists of letters to the American and British legations.

The letters said that 8,000 Manchus were slain by the Chinese and that there was much looting. Several missions in the province were destroyed, and eight foreigners, four of whom were Americans, were killed.

There were seventeen Americans in that province.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai still controls a substantial army, but is unable to pay the soldiers, and desiring to save the nation must accept the demands of the Republicans. Yuan offers autonomy which the provinces have already assured.

NO SOLUTION OF PASSPORT QUESTION

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—For two hours today President Taft and his cabinet wrestled with the Russian passport question, and at the end of the session it was acknowledged that no solution was reached which would satisfy American Jews, and at the same time not embarrass either the United States or Russia.

SAMPSON HERE IN CONFERENCE

Discusses Phases of Proposed Campaign With Chamber of Commerce

Lewis D. Sampson of Chicago, expert organizer and promoter of commercial club enterprises, is in Amarillo, and yesterday afternoon a conference was held with the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, at which certain phases of detailed work in this city were considered.

At this time no definite announcement can be made as to the final outcome of Mr. Sampson's visit to Amarillo, though this much is known, that the Chamber of Commerce officials desire to have a revival along the lines of organization, and it is not improbable that contract may later be closed with this expert looking to an exhaustive campaign.

Meeting of Utah Woolgrowers.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 8.—Optimistic reports concerning the outlook for the woolgrowing industry in this State was presented today at the annual convention of the Utah Woolgrowers' Association. The convention which is one of the largest in point of attendance ever held by the association, will continue in session over tomorrow.

Address by Great Northern President.

St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 8.—A two days' convention of the Northern Minnesota Development Association opened here today with a large and representative attendance. The leading feature of today's program was an address on good roads by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway and chairman of the Minnesota highway commission.

CHILD AND MOTHER ARE SERIOUSLY BURNED

Special to Daily News.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8.—When Mrs. John Vance hurried home in answer to the screams of her seven-year-old daughter, Mildred, at 1 o'clock today, she found the child in the kitchen, enveloped in flames. In her efforts to save the child, the mother was burned. The oil can which the child held in her hand, and the fire in the stove seemingly explained the accident. The child is not expected to live and Mrs. Vance is in a serious condition.

WANTS HELP OF UNITED STATES

Persian Committee Makes Appeal to Committee at Washington

DIPLMACY IS NEEDED

BELIEVED THAT THIS GOVERNMENT CAN LEND ASSISTANCE IN PRESENT CRISIS WITH RUSSIA.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Asking for something more tangible than sympathy, the Persian Nationalist Committee, with headquarters at Constantinople, today sent a telegram to the Persian Committee here, urging that efforts be made to have the diplomatic good offices of the United States in the present crisis.

The Constantinople Committee gets forth the hope that the United States with its humanitarian sentiment, may lend the Persian government assistance in her critical hour.

SAM LUCAS ORDERED REMANDED TO JAIL

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—Sam Lucas was remanded to jail today without bond when arraigned before Justice Mahen Friday morning on the charge of murdering Mrs. Maude Tatum. The defendant waived examining trial, through his attorneys, Parker & Shropshire, and Justice Mahen stated that his action in refusing bail was based upon the evidence of Harry Hamilton and his wife, submitted at the inquest.

On this same evidence Justice Mahen had previously rendered a verdict that Maude Tatum came to her death as a result of being choked and beaten by Sam Lucas.

NEW HEAD FOR SOUTHWESTERN

Dr. Charles M. Bishop Will Be Installed at University Today

Special to Daily News.
Georgetown, Tex., Dec. 8.—Many well-known divines and educators of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, arrived here today to attend the inauguration of Dr. Charles M. Bishop as president of Southwestern University. The inauguration exercises will extend over three days. President W. P. Few of Durham College is to deliver the academic address at the formal installation to be followed by a sermon by Dr. Bishop. Dr. Bishop will preach over the exercises. On Sunday the Inaugural Prizes will be awarded. Dr. Frank E. Sanders, president of Washburn College.

SUES MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR BODY OF SISTER

Special to Daily News.
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—Suit for the body of his sister, which he alleges is being held for dissecting purposes by the Medical College hospital, and for damages in the sum of \$10,000, was instituted today by C. W. Echols, 1022 Jarvis street, in his own behalf and in behalf of the dead woman's son, Lee Palmer, against the medical college hospital. Dr. Webb Walker, the hospital superintendent, and oculist George L. Gause.

Laundry Employee Fined.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—L. Workman and employee of a laundry in Fort Worth were fined \$50 and costs when he entered a plea of guilty on a charge of causing a young woman engaged at the laundry.

13 Business Days Before Christmas
SHOP EARLY AND AVOID THE CRUSH

TRAINS COLLIDE IN HEAVY FOG

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—In a collision this morning between a Cotton Belt train and the "Katy" local following it over the same track, Mrs. William Bird of Keller was cut about the head and several passengers were bruised up by jolting. The railroad officials attribute the collision to a heavy fog.

REYES CUT OFF FROM RETURNING

Cordon of Troops Between Him and Boundary of United States

Special to Daily News.
Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 8.—If General Reyes is in northeastern Mexico, to return to the United States he must break through a line of Mexican troops stretched 150 miles along the border from the Gulf to a point near Laredo.

Soldiers began patrolling the frontier tonight.

Nobel Prizes Will Be Awarded Monday

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—The Nobel prize awards for the present year are calculated to give little ground for self-complacency to Americans. Though the formal announcement of the awards will not be made until day after tomorrow, which will be the anniversary of the founder's death, the prospective recipients already are known, with the exception of the person or persons who will receive the prize for performing the most useful service of the year in promoting peace.

The prize for chemistry goes to Mme. Curie, chief professor of sciences in the University of Paris, who, with her husband, discovered radium and polonium. It was believed some time ago would be awarded to Thomas A. Edison, the American inventor, will be instead to Professor Wilhelm Wien of Wurzburg University. Maurice Maeterlinck, the well known Belgian author and playwright, will receive the literary prize, while the prize in medicine will be awarded to Professor Allan G. Gilchrist of the faculty of medicine of Uppsala University. For research work in connection with his study of the eye.

In the eleven years of the Nobel foundation the prizes have been awarded to sixty individuals and to two peace societies. Only two of the sixty have been Americans. A prize in physics was awarded to A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago, a German by birth, and one of the peace prizes went to President Roosevelt for his services in promoting peace between Russia and Japan. So far no other American has been recognized as worthy of the distinguished honor.

"Unwritten Law" Case in Missouri.
Fulton, Mo., Dec. 8.—A case of the "unwritten law" is docketed for trial in the Callaway county circuit court here next week and is expected to attract much attention. The defendant is Richard M. Johnson, who is to be tried for the murder of John Gages at Bardsville last summer.

PINCHOT HEARD ON IRRIGATION

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—In an address before the National Irrigation Congress today Gifford Pinchot ignored the attack made on his conservation doctrines by Albert E. Bartlett of Cheyenne, Wyoming who, anticipating Pinchot's speech, declared that Pinchot's conception of the irrigation problem was "narrow." The government theory, which Pinchot defended, was assailed by Bartlett, who declared it wholly inadequate.

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JURY WAITS FOR MORE TESTIMONY

Scope of Federal Investigation in Dynamiting Cases Undecided

McNAMARAS ARE SILENT

BOTH PRISONERS REITERATE DETERMINATION TO TELL NOTHING BUT McMANICAL TALKS FREELY.

By Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—The scope of the investigation undertaken by the federal grand jury here and the one in session at Indianapolis, so far as learned tonight, had not been defined.

Government officials, it is thought, will be able to determine only after the testimony of the witnesses has proceeded further, whether to return indictments here or in Indiana against persons alleged to have been implicated in the conspiracy to transport explosives from one state to another.

James B. and John J. McNamara remained in their cells today, reiterating that they will tell nothing, even if called before the grand jury. It was suggested that after the McNamaras have tasted prison life and were visited by the labor leaders who are endeavoring to cleanse organized labor of the alleged charges of lawlessness, and who might for this reason persuade them to aid the ends of justice, the prisoners may be prevailed upon to give the information.

McManical, the confessed dynamiter, confined his experiences as a dynamiter to the grand jury and was followed by William Kizer of Muncie, Indiana, the nitro-glycerine manufacturer who claims to have sold explosives to the McNamaras and also to McManical. The proceedings before the grand jury are kept secret.

REPORT OF FINANCES FOR McMANICAL TRIAL

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—Hoping to dispel the doubt that has been awakened, and the criticism created relative to the collection and distribution of the McNamara defense fund, a report of all the money collected up to October 25, was made public here tonight with consent of Frank A. Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, custodian of the fund.

Total received from all sources up to the date named was \$194,612.53. Total expenditures were \$184,850.95.

Clarence Barrow, chief counsel for the defense of the McNamaras, has been paid \$170,000. It is stated that Barrow was to pay his own assistants from that amount.

Irrigation Well Celebration.

Midland, Tex., Dec. 8.—Midland held a jubilee celebration today to draw the attention of prospective homeseekers and investors to the fact that this locality now possesses one of the greatest irrigation wells on record. This is the great Moran well, which is producing 2,000 gallons a minute from a depth of 121 feet, and the capacity of which, in the opinion of experts, could be doubled.

EXPLOSION OF GAS WRECKS PUMP STATION

By Associated Press.
Caney, Kas., Dec. 8.—An explosion of gas, followed by fire tonight, destroyed the Wichita Pipe Line company's pump station just south of the city. The station supplied gas from Oklahoma fields to Wichita, Hutchinson and other Kansas towns. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

STRIKING MINERS MEET ALL TRAINS

By Associated Press.
Boulder, Col., Dec. 8.—Reports from Marshall today say that strikers continue to meet all trains to persuade newcomers to seek work elsewhere. No disturbance were reported tonight from the coal camps.

WEATHER

Local Forecast.

Probably rain or snow, Saturday.
At 7 a. m. ... 41 At 7 p. m. ... 44
Maximum ... 48 Minimum ... 38
1910 Max. ... 57 1910 Min. ... 29

Washington Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—For West Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday. Little change in temperature.