

TAFT CHAFES AT DRAG IN CONGRESS

EXTREMELY DISSATISFIED AT DELAY IN DISPOSING OF IMPORTANT MEASURES.

TAKING STEPS TO LET IMPATIENCE BE KNOWN

Several Legislators Called in Council, Presumably at President's Request and Prompt Action on Minor Measures Urged—Taft Wants Way Cleared For Larger Subjects.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The slow progress of congress in disposing of important measures which the president has especially urged upon its attention is causing him extreme dissatisfaction, and he is taking measures to let that fact be known. Today he was called upon at the White House, presumably at his own request, by several legislators in charge of various measures, and the necessity of prompt action, at least upon some of the minor matters of legislation, was strongly urged upon him.

Some of the Pet Measures. Among these were Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, who is looking after the Alaska territorial bill; Senator Carter, who is fathering the postal savings bank bill; Senator Borah, who has actively opposed some features of the Alaskan bill, and Representative Hayes, ranked as an insurgent, whose aid might be helpful in securing prompt action by the republican majority in the house upon republican platform pledges.

Wants Tracks Cleared. It is believed the president desires that such measures as the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bills, the Alaskan territorial bill, and others of comparatively minor importance be acted upon at once in order to clear the way for some larger subjects, at least those likely to give rise to prolonged discussion and controversy.

May Mean Special Message. Beveridge is said to have reported that he found difficulty in getting his committee together to dispose of business and a similar complaint comes from other quarters, hence the president's personal interviews with various leaders in the senate and house, and if this course does not avail to promote speedy action in congress on the measures referred to it is entirely possible that he may feel called upon to send a special message to congress placing the responsibility where it belongs.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHOSEN. Will Consider Bills for Conservation of Natural Resources.

Washington, Feb. 16.—An administration bill providing for the conservation of natural resources will be considered by a sub-committee of the senate committee on public lands, to be composed of Smoot, Clark, Dixon, Chamberlain and Hughes.

CORPORATION BILL EXPLAINED. Wickersham Says Administration Has Not Provided Refuge for Trusts.

Washington, Feb. 16.—"Much misunderstanding appears to exist with respect to the forfeiture clauses in the federal incorporation bill and it would appear from some of the criticism as to these provisions were designedly misrepresented for the purpose of creating a prejudice against the measure."

SNELL'S SON WINS OUT. Illinois Supreme Court Decides Eccentric and Amorous Millionaire Was of Unsound Mind When Will Was Made in Favor of Niece.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—That Colonel Thomas Snell was of unsound mind when he disinherited his son, Richard Snell, in favor of his grand niece, Mabel Snell McNamara, is the judgment of the Illinois supreme court, in a decision rendered today.

FIGHT RESULT IN DISPUTE. Accidental Foul Leaves Memsic-Powell Bout.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—By an unwritten law in local boxing circles, according to which the decision of a majority of the morning newspapers is accepted after the prize fight, Law

Powell has gained a verdict over George Memsic as the result of a ten-round battle last night. Two of the three morning papers declared Memsic the winner, but the majority of the other gave the honors to Memsic by a wide margin. Bets are paid here on majority ruling. Thru the last half of the fight Powell suffered from an accidental foul committed by his opponent in the fifth round. Memsic is swinging lost his balance and fell forward, his head striking Powell below the belt. Powell from that time on landed two blows to Memsic's one. Both men were strong at their finish.

ABDUL HAMID IS DYING. Former Sultan Reported Insane and Starving Self to Death. Constantinople, Feb. 16.—Abdul Hamid, who for thirty-three years was despotic sultan of Turkey, is hopelessly insane and is starving himself to death in his prison palace at Salonika, according to authoritative dispatches from there today. The death of the former ruler is believed to be a question of days. The attempt of Abdul last week to commit suicide by hanging revealed his true physical condition.

TOLEDO PASTOR ORDAINED. Rev. W. H. Robson Becomes Pastor of Congregational Church. Special to Times-Republican. Toledo, Feb. 16.—Ministers and laymen from the Congregational churches of surrounding towns are here today, participating in the ordination of Rev. W. H. Robson, who has been called to the pastorate of the local Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Robson came here from Clinton, where he has been supplying a Methodist charge temporarily. Prior to that time he was engaged in teaching in Cape Town, South Africa.

DIPLOMATS ARE UNEASY. Close Observation of Conditions at Nicaraguan War Center Being Made by Two American Officers—Americans in War District, Well.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Americans in the Matagalpa district, now the war center of Nicaragua, are all well, according to the report of Consul Olivares, who went there to investigate complaints of outrages committed by the Madriz troops. It was reported in revolutionary circles here today that a further investigation of the Nicaragua situation is being made by Lieutenant Commander Symington, of the navy, and Lieutenant Price, of the marine corps. Private advices to those in the inner circles of the provisional government's advisers here, brought the information this morning that two American officers are making a close observation of the conditions at the war center.

There is a feeling of decided uneasiness among Central American diplomats as to what the reports of those officers will be. Olivares reports the evacuation of Matagalpa by Chamorro. This seems to be in line with the strategic plan predicted here all along, and it is now forecasted that Chamorro and the main wing of his army will next be heard from at Granada, where his family is all powerful, and he will be assured of ample reinforcements and unlimited supplies.

NEW IOWA RAILROAD. Charles City & Western Incorporated, Capitalized at \$300,000—One-Third Taken.

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NINA DOUBTFUL LOST. Naval Officers Believe Missing Tug Went Down With All Hands.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The tug reported to have been spoken off Montauk point Sunday, by the steamer Bayview, and which was thought to be the Nina, was the naval tug Apache. Naval officers this morning expressed themselves as of the opinion that this tug had gone down at sea with all on board.

DISAPPOINTED; TAKES POISON. Clinton Girl Believed to Have Attempted Suicide Over Love Affair.

Special to Times-Republican. Clinton, Feb. 16.—Miss Florence Lespringer aged 20, is suffering from the effects of poisoning, self administered, it is believed with suicidal intent because of disappointment in a love affair with a Chicago man. The young woman is out of danger, but probably will recover.

Iowa Supreme Court. Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The supreme court rendered the following opinions today:

Potter, appellant, against Hourigan, Woodbury county. Affirmed. Brown, appellant, against Brookhart, Washington county. Affirmed. In the matter of the will of Henry Van Houten, Mahaska county. Reversed.

Davis, appellant, against Iowa Central Railway Company, Mahaska county. Reversed. State Savings Bank, appellant, against Miller, Lucas county. Reversed.

Congressman Everett Dead. Quincy, Mass., Feb. 16.—Rev. Dr. William Everett, the well-known scholar and former congressman, is dead.

STRICT MEASURES AGAINST ALIENS

IMMIGRATION BUREAU ACTIVE IN WAR ON OBJECTIONABLE FOREIGNERS.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SHOWN TO BE ENORMOUS

Bureau Believes Syndicate to Deal in Human Traffic Exists—Reports Shows Fewer Japs but More Chinese Are Entering United States—Stronger Laws Demanded.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Not further restriction but merely to make possible such restriction as the existing law intends but has not accomplished, is the object of a proposed new immigration law recommended by Daniel J. Keefe, the commissioner general of immigration, in his annual report for the fiscal year 1909. It is proposed to accomplish this by codifying, arranging in logical sequence and strengthening on their weak points all existing laws on the general subject of immigration and Chinese exclusion. Some of the principal suggestions are:

So defining the term "alien" as to leave no doubt that it includes all persons not citizens; extending the contract labor provisions to forbid and penalize the inducement of immigration by false as well as genuine promises of employment, penalizing an attempt to import foreign laborers, and permitting the importation of alien skilled laborers if labor of like kind unemployed can not be found here only if the consent of the secretary of commerce and labor is obtained in advance; increasing the fine against steamship companies for taking on board dangerously diseased aliens from \$100 to \$200.

Mr. Keefe believes the time is ripe for the adoption of even stricter measures and suggests that a proposal worthy of careful thought is that all male aliens between 15 and 50 be required to pass a physical examination equal to that observed for army recruits.

The White Slave Traffic. Touching the "white slave" traffic the report sets out that a "special investigation conducted through the country and the general experience of the year, make it apparent that an enormous business is done in importing and distributing foreign women for immoral purposes, including the seduction and distribution of alien women and girls who enter regularly, and also to some extent of American women and girls. The federal officers have not discovered positive evidence of the existence of a syndicate for these nefarious purposes, but there is among those who conduct the business a certain esprit de corps, and there are in certain cities clubs and headquarters where they congregate.

In some cities, it is declared, the traffic is connected with local political conditions and some of the municipal authorities are implicated or otherwise helpless to assist in eradicating the evil. The federal government's powers, as it is stated, are so limited as to make essential if any marked progress is to be expected that the states and cities shall awake to the seriousness of the situation and exercise their undoubted authority to put down the evil.

During the year there was a marked increase in deportations as a result of the campaign against the traffic. The provisions on this subject in the bill submitted by Mr. Keefe to carry out his recommendation are in principle the same as in the bill which already has passed the house except that they do not go so far in the features affecting interstate regulation of the practice.

Fewer Japs Admitted. Gratifications is expressed as a result of the "experiment in immigration control" as affecting the Japanese, constituted by law, proclamations and regulations following the anti-Japanese agitation in California several years ago.

There has been a material reduction in both the number of Japanese admitted and deported. In 1908, 9,544 Japanese were admitted to continental United States and 8,694 to Hawaii, while for 1909 the corresponding figures were 2,452 and 1,492. The number admitted to the mainland and Hawaii was only about 25 per cent and 17 per cent, respectively, of the numbers of 1908.

More Chinese Come. Contrary to the general impression Chinese admitted to the United States have increased during the past four years and Mr. Keefe is pessimistic regarding the operation of the law. He concludes that the system of exclusion and expulsion afforded by it is but only adopted for other purpose. He says:

"Despite all that is said and all that is done, the bureau is always confident at the close of any year that many Chinese of the excluded classes have evaded the border officers, however diligent they may have been, have smuggled themselves or been smuggled ashore in seaports as sailors or stow-aways, or have by fraud and perjury managed to land in an apparently regular manner. There are doubtless now in this country at least as many Chinese not entitled to residence here as of the lawfully resident class, and they have entered in every way that can be imagined."

As to occupations 174,800 unskilled laborers of the immigrant class entered and 118,956 of the emigrant class departed. Of the 751,786 immigrant aliens who entered the United States during the year 88,393 were under 14 and 38,517 were 45 or over; of those over 12 years of age 111,314 could

neither read nor write, an increase in the ratio of illiteracy to 29 per cent as against 26 per cent in 1908. For various reasons 10,411 aliens were deported.

BRYAN'S LETTER IGNORED. Nebraska Democrats Dodge County Option Issue at Dollar Dinner.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Several hundred representative democrats of Nebraska held their annual dollar dinner, and incidentally set in motion the wheels for the coming state and congressional campaigns. Mr. Bryan's pronouncement for county option was by common agreement ignored. References to Mr. Bryan were general laudatory. Denunciation of the new tariff law was the central idea in the addresses.

POSTAL BANK CRISIS. Friends Admit Bill Will Be Defeated Unless Root Amendment is Modified or Withdrawn—Compromise is Possible.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Unless Senator Root can be induced to withdraw or materially modify his amendment to the postal savings bank bill, requiring the investment of postal deposits in United States bonds, that measure will probably be defeated in the senate. Friends of the bill privately admit that this is the situation and they consider a crisis imminent.

The situation developed very suddenly soon after the senate met today, and it came in connection with a parliamentary tangle which resulted in an executive session. While the executive session was proceeding, a number of the friends of the original postal savings bank bill got together, and upon comparing notes, found themselves unalterably opposed to the Root amendment.

The statement of the president in his Lincoln day New York speech that if the Root amendment should prevail, the funds would be invested in 2 per cent bonds, which have failed to find a market—has had the effect of rendering antagonism to the amendment far more intense than it was. Opponents of the amendment take the position that money arising out of postal deposits should be deposited in local banks and not concentrated in the United States treasury or any other one depository. On the other hand it is contended that the government could not afford to permit funds to be invested in banks over which the United States would not have supervision. There is some hope of obtaining a modification of the Root amendment, but until this is accepted there will be no effort to get a vote on the bill.

JAMIESON HAS ENOUGH. Eighth District Congressman and Democrat Will Not Try For Re-election—Republicans Have Chance to Redeem Only Democratic District.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Feb. 16.—Congressman Jamieson has announced in Washington that he will not be a candidate again in the Eighth district. Jamieson is the man who accidentally broke into congress by defeating Colonel Hepburn when the republicans were torn by factional strife. Jamieson's withdrawal probably means the redemption of the district to the republicans.

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An east-bound freight took the siding in the east yards and the train was cut in two in order to set out a car. The engine and several cars returned to the main line, leaving the rear half of the train on the siding. Engineer Lund, who was in charge of the engine, after completing the switching, started down the main line to pick up the balance of his train, and it is supposed that he thought the switch was down for the main track. Instead his engine took the siding while running at good speed and crashed into the rear of his own train.

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T. R. BULLETIN

Notable News of Today

The Weather. Sun Feb. 17 at 6:55; sets at 5:35. Generally fair tonight and colder in the east portion tonight. Generally fair tonight and Th. J., except snow in the extreme south, colder tonight. South Dakota—Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

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Story: The Man in Lower Ten. PAGES EIGHT, TEN AND ELEVEN. City News: Schumann Will Be Broken. First Verdict of Kind in County. Particular in Census Information. All Night Service For Postoffice. Dunham Company Invades Canada. General News of the City. PAGE TWELVE.

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DR. E. W. CLARK DEAD. PROMINENT GRINNELL PHYSICIAN PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

MEMBER OF STATE SENATE AND TRUSTEE IOWA COLLEGE. Widely Known and Beloved Citizen—Had Practiced Medicine in Grinnell Since Early Day—Prominent in State Medical Society—Funeral Arrangements Not Made.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Feb. 16.—Dr. E. W. Clark, the most prominent practicing physician of Grinnell, member of the Iowa state senate, president of the Iowa State Medical Association, and trustee of Iowa College, died shortly before noon today.

Dr. Clark had been in failing health for many months, and had been critically ill during the past three weeks, and his death was not unexpected. Dr. Clark was probably Grinnell's best known and most beloved citizen. He had ministered to the sick in a majority of the families of the city, and by his devotion to his calling he had endeared himself to all who had occasion to ask his services and skill.

Mr. Clark is survived by his wife and one son, the latter E. W. Clark, Jr., of Grinnell. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Sketch of Busy Career. Elbert Warren Clark was born in Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, Feb. 22, 1842, of Scotch-American parentage. The family moved to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1854, where the son Elbert lived until 1865. His education was acquired in the country district and high school at Kewanee, Ill. He entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1866, graduating in February, 1871.

He came to Grinnell in May, 1871, and his profession until his health made it impossible for him to do so longer. He married Miss Mary C. Brainard in 1874. Held Many Offices. Mr. Clark was five times elected to the city council of Grinnell. He was president of the city school board for six years an a trustee of Grinnell College since 1898. He was also a trustee of the Stewart free library and mayor of Grinnell from 1892 to 1897, during which time a complete system of water works and sewers was installed.

Mr. Clark was elected president of the Iowa State Medical Society, in May, 1896. Mr. Clark was always a republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was elected by the general assembly from Potosi county in 1896. He was serving his second term at the time of his death.

WILL CASE REVERSED. Illinois Supreme Court Remands Warner Case to Circuit Court.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—Holding that the trust created for fifteen years after the probating of the will of his son, Col. Vespasian Warner, commissioner of pensions by Col. John Warner, of Clinton, is valid, the supreme court today reversed and remanded the case to the Dewitt county circuit court, which had held the trust provision as void because the will might never be probated.

Second Annual Session Begins at Dubuque—Theater Party Tonight. Special to Times-Republican. Dubuque, Feb. 16.—The Master Bakers' Association of Iowa went into its annual two days' convention here this morning, with headquarters at the Julian Hotel. Several hundred members were in attendance at the meeting. The convention program today, with speeches, will be followed in Thursday with a continuance of the program and the election of officers. A theater party tonight will be given in honor of the delegates.

CLOTHIERS ELECT OFFICERS. Goldman, of Des Moines, President—Marshalltown Man Honored. Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, Feb. 16.—The state retail clothiers elected officers today as follows: M. D. Goldman, Des Moines, president; W. H. McCammond, Perry, first vice president; J. T. Pound, Marshalltown, second vice president; C. E. Wry, Forest City, secretary and treasurer.

The convention selected Cedar Rapids as the place for the next meeting. Another Northwestern Wreck. Mason City, Feb. 16.—Southbound passenger No. 16 and a northbound extra freight on the Northwestern were wrecked in a head-on collision in the yards at Gukon, Minn., at 6:40 last evening. Fireman Willie Erickson, of Mason City, was instantly killed and Engineer William Tyson, also of Mason City, was probably fatally injured. Several of the passengers were badly shaken up, but none seriously hurt. Then engines on both sides were badly damaged. The cause of the accident has not yet been learned and investigations are now being conducted from here today.

League Deadlock Over Schedule. NATIONAL BASEBALL MAGNATES DIVIDED BETWEEN SHORT AND LONG SEASON. OLD ANTAGONISMS CROP OUT IN LATEST CONTEST.

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Both sides today declared their intention to stand pat, and the prospects for a speedy reconciliation did not appear bright. There were numerous consultations among the magnates during the morning, and in some quarters hope was expressed that when they got together in the afternoon for resumption of the regular session some sort of basis for a compromise might be reached.

The bitter factional feeling engendered by the Warner-Hoyder deadlock at the December meeting seemed to have broken out again, however, and it was difficult to guess what common ground for agreement could be reached by the contending elements.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE. Short Season Schedule is Adopted Unanimously.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The American League continued its annual schedule meeting here today. It is expected today's session will end with the meeting. The schedule probably will be announced at the close of today's gathering. The first business to come before the meeting was the adoption of a new agreement to replace the original one, which expires in November this year. There appeared to be a decided feeling in favor of making the new agreement perpetual. This was discussed thoroughly at yesterday's session, but no final vote was taken then in order that club owners might have more time to consider such an important question. The 154 game schedule was unanimously adopted and the draft submitted was approved without any changes.

St. Joe in Western League. Chicago, Feb. 16.—The annual schedule meeting of the Western League was held here today and the meeting opened it was undecided whether the list would