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## ILLITERACY TEST FOR ALIENS IS AGITATING CONGRESS

### Ship of State Sailing Close to Deficit Waters, Prediction of Tax Tinkers

#### BURNETT BILL PORTENDS ROW IN THE HOUSE

Measure to Exclude From Country All Immigrants Unable to Read Their Own Language or Dialect Will Precipitate Bitter Fight Today in Congress

#### DEMOCRATS FATHER THIS LEGISLATION

Foreign Societies of San Francisco Condemn Law and Have Asked California Delegation to Line Up Against Its Proponents in Effort to Force Passage

By IRA E. BENNETT

Special Dispatch to The Call  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—One of the hardest fights ever waged in congress will be witnessed tomorrow on the floor of the house of representatives when the Burnett immigration bill, which provides for an illiteracy test to all immigrants, will be brought up for four hours' debate under a special rule adopted by the house committee on rules.

The bill is part of the democratic program for the present session, but the fight will be nonpartisan because many of the most stalwart democrats oppose the illiteracy test.

Governor elect Sulzer of New York, who represents a New York district in the house, will be one of the leaders in the fight against the Burnett bill.

#### SAN FRANCISCANS OPPOSE BILL

Some of the leading foreign-American societies and individuals in San Francisco have telegraphed and written to the members of the San Francisco delegation going on record against the Burnett bill. They say that if such a law had been in effect 100 years ago the country would have been deprived of some of its present leading citizens. In fact, they argue, some of the presidents of the United States had grandparents who, when they came to the United States, neither could read nor write.

The main purpose of the bill is to exclude from the United States alien immigrants over 16 years of age who are unable to read their own language or dialect. In order that there might be no doubt about Hebrew and Yiddish being considered as either language or a dialect, they are both named in the bill.

#### RELIGIOUS REFUGEES EXEMPT

Several exceptions are made in the bill. One of them allows aliens to enter without the illiteracy test if it is proven they are fleeing from religious persecution. Another exception allows families which have been separated by immigration to settle in America. A bill similar to this exclusion proposition was brought up in the house five years ago and was turned down because it was thought a careful study of the facts should be made. A commission was appointed and a four years' study resulted in a report which contained the following statement:

"The commission's whole recommendation is that the bill be amended by economic, moral and social considerations. Eight of the nine members of the commission favored the reading and writing test as the most feasible single method of restricting undesirable immigration."

#### CLEVELAND VETOES EXCLUSION

President Cleveland vetoed a restriction bill of this general character in 1887, but Representative Burnett of Alabama, who framed the present bill, is of the opinion that his measure is a more liberal document.

At any rate, there is going to be a fight in the house tomorrow when the four hours of debate gets under way. The strength of the bill's advocates is shown somewhat in the following, which is an extract from Burnett's report:

"Within the last few years resolutions have been passed by the American Federation of Labor, the Farmers' union, the National Grange, the Farmers' National congress, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and many other industrial and patriotic organizations at every one of their great annual meetings favoring the very remedy which this bill provides and their petitions have come up to congress."

#### BLACK HAND NOT AFFECTED

It is urged that the illiteracy test will not keep out the black hand leaders. This is admitted, but we already have laws to reach this class. Besides, most of the illiterates from the country of the black hand live in mortal terror of that criminal and do not reveal his crimes nor his presence when they know them. For this reason,

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New York representative who will vigorously oppose the proposed immigration restriction bill and the Alabama author of the measure.

WILLIAM J. SULZGER



#### AERONAUT SLIPS BY DEATH'S HAND

Walter Edwards Falls Hundred Feet, Lighting on Island With Few Injuries

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Walter Edwards, flying a Seattle built aeroplane, fell 100 feet on Harbor island late today as he was preparing to make a flight over the business portion of the city.

The aeroplane was wrecked, but Edwards escaped serious injury, suffering a few cuts about the head. Edwards had risen to a height of 900 feet when his engine went dead and he began to circle toward the earth. Within 100 feet of the ground he attempted to make a landing turn when a gust of wind caught the left wing of the plane and caused it to fall. Edwards jumped just before the aeroplane hit the ground and got clear of the engine. He was taken to his hotel for treatment.

#### COCAINE IS SMUGGLED OVER CANADIAN LINE

Customs Inspectors Trace It to Clay Street House, but There Clev Is Lost

Through Charles A. Stephens, deputy surveyor of the port, it was learned yesterday that the federal government had been informed November 30 that trunks containing 2,129 ounces of cocaine were concealed at 1367 Clay street, and that the drug had been smuggled into the United States over the Canadian border. The cocaine was packed in packages resembling an egg. The house was surrounded that night by a guard of customs inspectors and the premises searched, but only the empty trunks were found. George Gluck and Bert Mayfield, waiters, who were supposed to be in on the deal, were detained by Deputy Surveyor Stephens, but were not arrested.

#### SOLDIER DRINKS QUART OF BAY RUM AND DIES

Succumbs Six Hours After Taking Stuff to Prove He Had a Cast Iron Stomach

"Mine is a cast iron stomach that will digest anything from rocks to horseshoe nails," boasted Private Jesse J. Thomas, Thirteenth company, coast artillery corps, to a crowd of companions in the Fort Milley barber shop yesterday afternoon.

"Bet you can't drink a pint of whisky and keep 'er down," challenged one of the bystanders in a jocular tone. "See this bottle of bay rum? She's got pretty near a quart in her insides. Watch me down her."

An hour later Private Thomas, unconscious, was taken to the Fort Milley hospital, where four hours later he died.

Chains for Erving Bankers  
ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 13.—J. A. Griffin, president, and R. H. McCrary, cashier of the Athens Banking and Trust company, pleaded guilty today to charges of violating the state banking laws. They were sentenced to serve five years each on the chain gang.

#### STOCK GAMBLERS ALWAYS LINE UP WITH THE BEARS

Money "Trust" Inquiry Brings Out the Facts About "Manipulation" and Short Sales

#### CROOKED DEALING CAN'T BE STOPPED

Many Big Operators Work Individually to Prevent Being "Double Crossed"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—"Manipulation" and short sales on the New York stock market as a means of gambling and the methods of stock exchange brokers, formed the basis of today's hearing before the money trust committee of the house.

Frank K. Sturgis and Rudolph Kessler, governors of the New York Stock exchange, and Harry Content, Samuel F. Streit and J. P. Grier, brokers, were the witnesses examined today. After they had been questioned Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, took up the relations between the stock exchange and the New York Bank Note company, which can not secure listing on the exchange for stock certificates or bonds which it engraves.

#### WITNESSES ARE FOXY

Untermyer in his examination of the stock exchange representatives tried in vain to secure a description of methods of manipulation employed to advance or depress the price of stocks. Each of the witnesses denied that he had ever been a party to a pool arrangement for manipulation.

Sturgis and Kessler testified, however, that in their opinion some of the operations on the exchange, including manipulation and short selling, were of a "gambling nature." Both agreed that these matters could not be regulated by the exchange as a body.

"Short selling is a matter which every individual must settle with his own conscience," said Sturgis.

At the conclusion of his testimony Sturgis put into the record part of a speech he had made before the Hughes commission which investigated the stock exchange and a copy of the replies made by the law committee of the board of governors of the exchange, to questions submitted by the Hughes commission.

#### CLEARING HOUSE MAINTAINED

Samuel F. Streit of the arbitration and clearing house committee of the stock exchange told the committee that the exchange maintains a securities clearing house, where the transactions on the floor are cleared between brokers.

Untermyer suggested that this clearing house might insist on having brokers deliver the numbers of certificates of stock in which they traded to the clearing house and thus prevent dealings in stock which is not owned. Streit did not favor this suggestion and said he could tell nothing of the effect of such a regulation on short sales.

Harry Content said he had never managed a pool for manipulating a line of stock. He said that the idea of forming a pool was an old one no longer employed. A number of big operators worked individually, he said.

"Why is that?" Untermyer asked.

"They find it safer to have no partners," said Content. "The pool members used to sell each other out."

Content said he believed cross orders of sales and purchases of the same stock were legitimate. He did not think manipulations to raise or depress the prices of stock deceived the public.

#### COLLUSION OVER PRINTING

George A. Field, vice president of the American Bank Note company, testified that the exchange had ruled the work of his company off the stock list, and that the bulk of the work for exchange stock was done by the American Bank Note company. He produced a voluminous correspondence charging the American company with monopolizing the engraving of stocks and bonds with the aid of the stock exchange.

A similar charge in the report of the Hughes commission was placed in the record. This phase of the inquiry, Untermyer said, was introduced at the request of Mayor Gaynor of New York and Governor Pothier of Rhode Island. Bonds engraved by the New York company for New York city and for the state of Rhode Island, Field testified, "have been refused listing on the exchange."

#### VETERAN MISSING AFTER FIRE

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—Colonel John Taylor, a civil war veteran, is missing and 11 persons were injured as a result of a fire today that destroyed Liberty place, a four story brick apartment building, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

#### DIVA HURRIES TO SAN FRANCISCO

### Hammer Being Draped for Funeral Pyre

Madame de Pasquali Anxious To Sing Jinx's Requiem

#### BERNICE DE PASQUALI

Madame Bernice de Pasquali, the noted operatic star who is to sing Christmas eve in The Call's big celebration at Lotta's fountain, will arrive in San Francisco this afternoon from Paso Robles and during the next few days will have an active part in planning the festivities that are to follow the burning of the symbolical hammer.

She had intended originally to come to San Francisco yesterday, but when she looked at the calendar and saw "Friday, the Thirteenth" staring forth at her, she cancelled her reservations and refused to leave the southland for fear "something might happen"—she didn't know what, but she was not inclined to risk an experiment. So she wired her friends to expect her this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Her official welcome to San Francisco by all the city will not take place until she faces the great crowd in the street Christmas eve, but in the meantime she will be showered with attentions from her admirers among the music lovers of the city. Last Tuesday evening she sang before an audience in the Paso Robles hotel, which included President Charles C. Moore of the exposition and Mrs. Moore, and they enthusiastically declared San Francisco would await the diva with extended arms.

Deep interest in The Call's plans for destroying the hammer of knavery as a part of the Christmas eve festival is being shown in the cities throughout the state and it is likely that thousands of people from the region about the bay and from the interior as well will come to San Francisco to take part in the significant ceremony.

Invitations will be sent out today to leading citizens, commercial organizations and city officials of all the neighboring communities, asking them to come and have a part in the birth of a new civic spirit in the metropolis of the west. The railroads will offer reduced rates for the occasion and special trains are being arranged for by some of the outside commercial organizations.

Meanwhile the great hammer, which is to be burned on a bonfire as a sign that discord and "knocking" are at an end in San Francisco, is being built by a corps of men. Draped in black, the great emblem will be paraded



through the streets and finally consigned to the flames, where it will flare up and vanish and will be known no more.

#### HILLS SEARCHED FOR FORTUNE IN WINE BOTTLES

Trinity County Treasure Hunters on Fresh Trail of Murdered Pioneer's \$84,000 in Gold

REDDING, Dec. 13.—It was learned here today that a party of nearly a dozen men are searching the hills of Trinity county for a fortune in gold dust, worth \$84,000, buried in champagne bottles in 1852. Several attempts previously have been made to find the gold, and newly found information, the source of which has not been disclosed, has again set the treasure hunters on the old quest.

Arnold Smith, who had a tavern at Junction City, accumulated the gold dust as the current medium of exchange, kept it in time, and, lacking a safe, kept it hidden in champagne bottles in his cellar. The murder of Smith by Andrew Johnson and James Martin, a negro, and the theft of the gold is a part of Trinity county history. Johnson later killed the negro and buried the dust. A few years ago he died in Salt Lake City, confessing his crime and leaving a map showing where the gold was buried.

Among those who have joined in the search for the hidden treasure are Chris Given, Henry Lorenz and Louis Rabb of Trinity county and J. E. Lorenz, a hotel owner of Redding.

#### SON FINDS MOTHER ALIVE

Hurries to Parent Who Will Share His Alaska Gold

Special Dispatch to The Call  
EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 13.—From the frozen north, where he had accumulated a fortune, George Kilburn of San Francisco, mourned as dead by relatives, arrived here today and astonished an uncle, David C. Watt, a former resident of San Francisco. From Watt Kilburn learned that his mother, whom he believed killed in the fire of 1908, was alive in San Francisco and in poor health. Kilburn at once took steps to inform her that he was alive and then left for San Francisco. Kilburn has been in Alaska seven years. He said this mother should live in comfort the rest of her life.

#### STEAL IN WALL STREET, IS ADVICE

Judge Decries Thievery When Stock Exchange Yawns for Men of "Shark" Instincts

Special Dispatch to The Call  
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Justice Goff of the supreme court today extended mercy to a confessed thief in a little homily upon comparative stealing. The justice spoke of the futility of plain thievery when Wall street yawned for men of predatory instincts.

Thomas O'Donnell had entered a plea of guilty to the larceny of \$350. "O'Donnell," said Justice Goff with asperity, "why didn't you go down to Wall street? You have made the greatest mistake of your life. If you had gone to Wall street and done something like this you would have been called a successful financier and there would have been an air of respectability about you. But, O'Donnell, a man who steals small sums like this is only a common thief."

He sentenced O'Donnell to the penitentiary for four months.

#### POLICE WAIT ON PARROT'S TONGUE

Denver Detectives Expect Bird to Tell Story of Double Crime it Witnessed

DENVER, Dec. 13.—A parrot, the only known witness to the tragedy, is the chief reliance of the Denver police in their effort to find a solution of the murder and suicide which ended the lives of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson, whose bodies were found in their hotel here Tuesday.

The bird is a fluent talker and has belonged to the Johnsons for the last four years. It was in the room at the time the bodies were discovered. Believing that if a quarrel preceded the shooting the bird might be coaxed to repeat the conversation, the police turned it over to a bird fancier today.

#### QUAKES OVERTURN DESKS

Two Temblors Scatter Books and Wreck Bars Near Oxnard

OXNARD, Dec. 13.—Two severe earth shocks overturned desks and scattered books about at the Ocean View school today and wrecked two bars nearby. Although the temblors were pronounced in the district all about Oxnard, they were but slightly perceptible within the city.

#### MORE OIL LANDS ARE WITHDRAWN FOR NAVY NEEDS

President Taft Takes Up Additional 29,541 Acres in Buena Vista Hills, Kern County

Special Dispatch to The Call  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Taft today extended the withdrawal order of July 21, 1910, to include 29,541 acres in the Buena Vista hills, Kern county, Cal.

This greatly enlarges the area previously withdrawn in the Elk hills region in order that there may be as complete assurance as possible that the United States retains control over a body of fuel oil adequate for the future needs of the United States navy.

The total acreage now withdrawn for oil to supply the navy exceeds 67,000, as a result of recent investigations by the geological survey which showed the difficulty of estimating definitely the quantity of oil available within the Elk hills region.

#### ROSS BOY'S MOTHER DIES

Parent of Child Kidnapped 38 Years Ago Succumbs in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Sarah Anne Ross, the mother of Charlie Ross, who was kidnapped 38 years ago, died at her home in Philadelphia tonight. She was 78 years old. She was the widow of Christian K. Ross.

The fate of Charlie Ross, who was stolen when he was 4 years old, has never been learned, although numerous clues from all sections of this country and Europe were followed by detectives employed by the distracted parents.

#### DOG BITES TEN CHILDREN

Animal Apparently Mad Runs Amuck in Public School Building

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 13.—Apparently mad, a large dog ran through a public school building here this afternoon and before it was driven out 10 children were severely bitten. A woman teacher by vigorous attacks with a ruler finally succeeded in driving the dog into the street, where it was killed by a policeman.

#### STATE SENATORS SEE FINANCIAL BREAKERS AHEAD

Fear Next Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Cope With Big Deficit; Segregation of State and Local Taxes Leaves Only Two Loopholes to Be Used

#### CUTTEN'S FORMER VIEWS UNCHANGED

Must Raise the Rate of Gross Earnings Tax Paid by Corporations in Segregated Class or Levy an Ad Valorem Tax on All Classes of Property

By GEORGE VAN SMITH

If the fears of leading members of the state senate are well founded the next legislature will be called upon to cope with an economic question far graver than any of the organization problems now puzzling the politicians.

Men familiar with the finances of the state believe that the legislature at the ensuing session must accept one of two unhappy alternatives. It must provide for increased and increasing state expenses by raising the rate of gross earnings tax paid by the corporations in the segregated state tax class or they must levy an ad valorem tax on all classes of property in addition to the segregated corporation taxes for state support.

The adoption of the gross earnings tax system for corporations and the segregation of the revenue produced under that system for state support can not be charged to Governor Johnson or his legislature. The constitutional amendment was framed, submitted and ratified by the people before Johnson went into office.

The segregation of state and local taxes was made complete. A sufficient number of classes of corporate property were included in the gross earnings scheme, it was believed, to provide the necessary revenue for the state government. The people ratified the amendment, believing that they were to be relieved from payment of any tax for state support.

#### CONTROLLER DIFFERS

After the ratification of the amendment Senator Charles F. Cutten, chairman of the finance committee, insisted that it would not produce sufficient revenue for the growing needs of the state and that the state then faced a deficit of \$150,000. State Controller Nye vigorously disagreed with Cutten.

Cotton has changed his opinions and numerous senators, including Newton W. Thompson, the tax expert of the legislature, and A. E. Boynton, president pro tem, are convinced that Cutten is right now, whether or not he was correct two years ago. Controller Nye's report to the governor will estimate the deficit on June 30, 1913, at \$630,000 and at more than \$1,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1914. Cutten will not be a member of the next senate. He is unwilling to discuss methods, but he adheres to the correctness of his views.

"It is my opinion," said Cutten, "that under the present rates the annual deficit will increase rather than diminish, as the needs of the state are increasing faster than the revenues of the public service corporations. At the last session many appropriations were not made because it was feared that unless strict economy was practiced the appropriations for the support of the state would exceed the receipts."

"There are many special appropriations that can not wait longer than the next regular session. The general appropriation bills must necessarily increase from year to year. The reformatory for first offenders must be

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