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WASHINGTON NEWS HAPPENINGS

No Reward Until Further Proofs.

Until Commander Robert E. Peary furnishes further proofs that he discovered the North Pole no reward will be bestowed upon him as the result of a practically unanimous vote of the sub-committee of the House committee on naval affairs. A speech in opposition to the proposition of honoring Peary was made by Representative Macon of Arkansas before the committee.

Representative Macon Declared to the Committee that the Explorer could not have made the distance he said he did in his dash for the pole.

Mr. Macon said he was "indignant at the thought of being called upon as a representative of the American people to confer a high honor upon any one of its citizens in the dark." All legislation by Congress, he said, ought to be open and above board.

Argument in Standard Oil Tax Case.

On account of the importance of the question involved, the Supreme Court of the United States will devote probably all of the week, after decisions are announced, to hearing arguments first in the Standard Oil case, and then later in the corporation tax cases. Three days will be taken probably for the former and Thursday and Friday for the question of the validity of the corporation tax.

Attorneys from many sections of the country have made arrangements to listen to the arguments.

Such a demand has been made for seats in the little court room that it was planned to allow admission by card only. To the justices this appeared unwise and hence the first comers will get the sixty seats provided for spectators.

Final Hearing on Immigration Bills.

The house committee on immigration held its last hearing Monday on the bills providing for an increase in the head tax and additional test for immigrants, and has voted the amendment. Both provisions met with much opposition, and the vote was close.

Representative Burnett, of Alabama told the committee that unless the tide of immigration from southern Europe to the Southern States should be checked the South would have a new race issue on its hands.

He declared that the negro had no respect for the Italian and that the presence of the two races in the South complicated the situation and made it even more difficult to deal with than it is at present.

Senate Provides for Wilson's Activity.

After adopting three amendments of importance and listening to another verbal castigation of the forestry by Senator Heyburn, the senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill. As passed the bill carries a total appropriation of \$13,522,636, an increase of \$192,360 over the amount carried by the bill as it passed.

By the amendments adopted the secretary of agriculture is authorized to build fences along international boundary lines to keep out diseased cattle, the making of lump sum appropriations for any bureau of the department is prohibited, and \$10,000 is appropriated for an investigation of the orange grove pest, known as the white fly.

Votes For Patent Court.

The bill creating a Court of Patent Appeals has been passed by the Senate. It authorized a bench of five members. The chief justice would be nominated by the President to serve for life, the other four justices to be selected by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the circuit and district court judges of the country and to serve for six years. The proposed court would have jurisdiction of patent cases exclusively.

Coal Rate Law Sustained.

The North Dakota coal rate law of 1907 has been held to be constitutional at present by the supreme court of the United States despite the claim of the railroads that the law requires the transportation of coal below the cost of service.

Will Report Expected Soon.

Officers who were attached to the twenty-fifth infantry at the time of the shooting at Brownsville, have been ordered before the court of inquiry which has been investigating the affair. Capt. A. Maeklin, Capt. Samuel P. and Second Lieut. George C. are among the officers. The court is to give its report to congress in April.

None of the negro soldiers convicted by President Roosevelt in the shooting at Brownsville, the court reported none as qualified.

THE STRIKE SITUATION

No Indication For Peace Yet Established

Philadelphia, Special.—After a week of peace talk and innumerable conferences between union leaders and peacemakers, the striking workmen and conductors and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are apparently still far apart. There is, however, on both sides a better feeling which might lead at any time to the opening of negotiations. In no peace conference yet held has the transit company been directly represented. It is said that the informal peace meeting will continue until common ground can be found on which to bring both sides together.

President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, has announced that all peace negotiations between the strikers and the peace makers, so far as he and the car men's union is concerned, are off.

It is now 29 days since the strike and the fifteenth of the general walk-out. There have been few desertions from the ranks of the trolley men but there is a slow movement toward a return to work on the part of the general strikers. The return is not universal, but each day finds a few more men going back, so that there is not nearly the great number idle which there was in the first few days of the sympathetic strike.

To Amend the Constitution.

There has been much talk for many years that the Constitution of the United States should be revised and enlarged. Heretofore, however, the whole thing has been talk, and representatives in Congress lacked the temerity to tackle that important document. As no other statesman seemed willing, despite much talk, Representative Martin B. Madden, of Chicago, has decided to undertake the task alone and single-handed. He has filed for the consideration of Congress a joint resolution by which it is now proposed to so alter the old Constitution that the Supreme Court will not know it, if the proposed changes should be made.

Mr. Madden's method is not to call a constitutional convention to remodel the Constitution from the preamble down. All that he proposes is an amendment of about 500 words (it would be the 17th if the pending income tax should be ratified—16th otherwise). But those words mean a lot.

To Protect U. S. Uniform.

The right of an enlisted man to attend the theatre in uniform is being championed in both houses of Congress and by Secretary of the Navy Meyer. Several members of the Marine Corps were refused admission recently to a local playhouse.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, has introduced a bill which would make it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and imprisonment in the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States to discriminate against persons wearing the uniform of the United States. Secretary Meyer declared that he would do everything possible to protect from insult the uniform of the service of the United States.

Free Postage For Roosevelt.

Representative Hamilton Fish of New York is determined that Congress shall give ex-President Roosevelt free postage and has argued before the House committee on post-office and post roads in favor of a bill having that end in view.

Mr. Fish informed the committee that George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison had been similarly honored. In 1825, a law was passed giving ex-Presidents as well as members of Congress the free use of the mails, but this was repealed in 1873. Later the Congressmen were again given the privilege by law, but ex-Presidents have never again been provided for.

An appropriation of \$100,000 is provided for the establishment of submarine signals along the Atlantic Coast in a bill passed by the Senate.

Issues Census Proclamation.

President Taft in a proclamation issued Tuesday urges everybody throughout the United States "to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees" who will be engaged in the taking of the thirteenth decennial census, which work will begin in one month.

Postoffice Receipts Are Increasing.

Business throughout the country is improving, as indicated by the receipts of the Postoffice Department, which is regarded as a certain barometer of business conditions. During the month of February, 46 of the 50 largest postoffices in the country showed an increase of business as compared with February of last year. The increases varied from 0.44 per cent at Louisville, Ky., to 40.19 per cent at Toledo, Ohio. The total percentage of increase in gross receipts for February was 11.39 over the same month in 1909, when it was 4.73 per cent greater than 1908.

CANNON IS OUSTED

Hurled From Lofty Position Last Saturday

END REACHED IN BITTER FIGHT

Refused to Resign, and House Refused to Further Humiliate Him by Deposing Him.

Washington, D. C. Special.—The house of representatives by a vote of 182 to 160 repudiated Speaker Cannon and his committee. By this unexpectedly large majority it overruled his decision and insisted upon considering the resolution of Norris, of Nebraska, providing for a reorganization of the committee of rules with the speaker eliminated.

The complete overthrow of Speaker Cannon and the annihilation of the house machine was a question of time. The grizzled old warrior is going down with flags flying, asking no quarter, giving none. He was contesting each point with a grim determination, knowing full well that his down fall was but a question of hours.

It was currently reported that Cannon would resign the speakership in the event of his defeat in the fight. There was no confirmation of this report, however, and it was not given the credence that was placed upon it before the result of the fight became so painfully apparent.

More succinctly than it can be told in any other way, the complete downfall of the Cannon forces in the House of Representatives is shown by the various roll calls taken in Saturday's historic struggle.

Oratory and strategy counted for little in that tremendous fight. It was the brute strength of votes that was of availing importance. In their chronological order, the votes taken, resulted as follows:

On Dalzell's motion to lay on the table the appeal of Norris' appeal from Speaker's ruling.	164 181
On Norris' motion ordering the previous question on his appeal.	182 160
On the question, "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?"	160 182
On ordering the previous question on the adoption of the Norris' substitute.	178 159
To substitute the new Norris' resolution for the old.	193 153
To adopt the Norris' resolution.	191 155
On Burleson's resolution to declare the Speaker's chair vacant.	155 191

What will be the definite, tangible results of the big victory of the allies no one is yet in a position or of a mind to say. Admittedly Cannonism is ended, for one thing. Nor again, is it claimed will debate be prohibited.

17-Inch Lemon.

Bedford City, Va., Special.—J. R. Brown, of Good View, Bedford county, who in Richmond had a lemon nearly as big as himself. The lemon is six inches high and seventeen inches in circumference, and weighs two pounds. This lemon was raised in Mr. Brown's house in Bedford from a lemon tree grown from a small slip, which he got from Ohio. Mr. Brown thinks that "better lemons can be raised in Virginia than in any other place in the world, and certainly larger.

Released on \$1,500 Bond.

Denbigh, Va., Special.—Santa A. Morse, a negro, assistant postmaster at Denbigh, has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal R. S. Holland, on the charge of stealing the contents of three registered letters. The accused was released on a bond of \$1,500 for his appearance.

Is 400,000 Years Old.

Chicago, Special.—Old Mother Earth, who has closely guarded her age for her entire life, is 400,000 years old, according to the current number of a geological publication of the University of Chicago. In mere scientific phraseology, the approximate age of the earth, it has been discovered, may be determined by dividing the amount of salt in the sea by the amount brought down each year by the rivers that empty into it.

Sir John Murray, Professor Joly and M. Dubois, all famous geologists, stand back of the new method

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

Joseph Burns, who recently raced from the interior of Alaska to Cleveland, Ohio, in a futile effort to reach his baby before she died, was ordered by the Federal Government to return to the snowbound territory as a witness in a stabbing affray in which he was injured.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York, has sent a notice to all department stores and to bird and animal dealers that the act of keeping or selling newly hatched incubator chickens intended as Easter favors or presents, is in violation of the laws relating to cruelty to animals.

Jerry Faust, an employe of the Southern Pacific Railroad at El Paso, Tex., has received a letter mailed in Pennsylvania 35 years ago.

The recovery of Louis Graf, a 10-year-old Brooklyn boy, who was taken to a hospital a year ago with a broken neck caused by a fall from a cherry tree, is assured. For days the lad lay near death and for weeks his recovery was despaired of. Then he began to improve slowly and now, after nine months spent with his body encased in a plaster cast, is declared sound again.

A financial stringency extending so wide and pressing so hard that it would be practically, if not absolutely impossible for Chicago to carry on one-half of its municipal functions, was pictured to the city council by Corporation Counsel Brundage and City Comptroller Wilson as a reality if saloons are voted out at the aldermanic election.

Dr. James D. Hillis, city health officer in LaFayette, Ind., is suffering from an injury caused by a hat pin that may cost him an eye. Dr. Hillis visited a local vaudeville theater, and in the crowd he was shoved against a large hat worn by a woman in front of him.

A court in Brussels, has awarded \$2,000 to a man who was blinded in one eye by a woman's hatpin. He was standing on the platform of a street car, which stopped suddenly with a jerk, which caused the hatpin to pierce his eye.

With only a small portion of his jugular vein left, after a recent operation, Harold Erickson, a 19-year-old boy, is recovering at the Long Island College Hospital, New York, and surgeons intend to remove the remainder of the vein in a few days.

Celebrants of St. Patrick's day who had the misfortune to be brought before city judge in El Paso, Tex., found their shamrocks would be accepted for jail.

In the federal court in Louisville the Louisville and Nashville railroad pleaded guilty on ten counts in eight indictments charging rebating, and Judge Evans imposed a fine of \$1,000 for each count, or a total of \$10,000. The eight indictments contained forty-seven counts, but conviction on many of the counts was impossible.

An old flag that recalls many of the differences caused by the civil war has been presented to the Maine Historical Society by the Rev. John Collins, who served in a Maine regiment in the great struggle. The banner is an emblem of the state of Mississippi. It was formerly the property of Captain William Collins of the confederate army, and brother of the donor. Connected with the flag is an interesting story of a feud between the two brothers, who held opposing political opinions. William Collins was one of the men participating in the Calais bank raid in 1864 and when he fell into the hands of the federal authorities, his brother tried hard to have him hanged as a rebel. William escaped, however, and made his way back to Mississippi, where he died some years later.

It is claimed by some that the Rockefeller foundation will have greater power than the government which is asked to create it.

Probably the most peculiar political contest now being waged in this country is in progress in Early county, Georgia, where L. E. Black, Sr., and L. E. Black, Jr., father and son, are opposing candidates for sheriff. Naturally there is a great deal of feeling.

Jacob Hirefield, Jr., a Jew, was married in New York to Miss Hattie Sommers, a Presbyterian, by Rev. William C. Stiles, a Congregational clergyman, who used an Episcopal service book published by a Methodist Book Concern.

The question of whether a police magistrate may sentence a person to imprisonment without a trial by a jury, is involved in a case from Georgia which now goes to the supreme court of the United States for decision.

Upon his return to America Roosevelt intends to live quietly at Oyster Bay, and make a living by his pen.

R. R. STRIKE IS OFF

Union Officers Accept Offer of Federal Mediation.

Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Neil Offer Services at Request of Railroads Involved.

Chicago, Special.—Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 locomotive firemen on Western railroads and the contingent throwing out of employment of more than 125,000 other employes has been averted through the acceptance of mediation from the Federal authorities at Washington. At the request of the general managers of the forty-seven Western railroads involved Chairman Martin A. Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neil telegraphed an offer of Federal mediation to the union officers. This offer was accepted. W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, stipulated that action must begin without delay.

Census Will Include Enumeration of Races.

Washington, Special.—The nationality and mother tongue of all persons enumerated for the next census was provided in a bill passed by the senate. After objections to recording the race of persons enumerated for the census, that provision was left out of the present law, but upon demand of a large number of citizens of foreign birth its reinstatement was decided upon.

The senate also passed a bill providing for an election by the people of Hawaii on the subject of prohibition for the islands.

The consideration of local bills affecting the District of Columbia consumed the entire time of the house Monday.

Finally Hold Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—The first step taken by the Rapid Transit Company toward settling the dispute with its striking employes and incidentally the ending of the sympathetic strike, which has now been in progress for two weeks, was taken Tuesday when President C. O. Kruger, of the Rapid Transit Company, conferred with W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. The meeting of the labor leader and the Rapid Transit official was the result of outside influences.

Young Knox Gets to Work.

Providence, R. I., Special.—Philoander C. Knox, Jr., whose elopement last week with Miss May Bowler, a Providence girl, caused country-wide interest, has started to earn his living. From the numerous offers of employment ranging from the vaudeville stage to newspaper opportunities he chose the position of automobile salesman. Young Knox is not dependent entirely upon his salary, as he has an income of \$100 a month which he received through the will of his grand mother.

\$1,160 in Bottle.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—While tearing down a partition in a house formerly occupied by R. T. McMillin, a miser, who died two years ago, J. W. Owens, a carpenter, found suspended between the walls a half pint flask in which the miser had placed \$1,160. McMillin was an eccentric man, who for years carried his fortune about with him in a basket.

Negro Cuts Woman's Throat.

Kansas City, Special.—A negro entered a grocery store kept by Mrs. Mary Albert, a white woman, in the outskirts of Kansas City, Kan. Tuesday and after slashing the woman's throat with a razor, roller of several hundred dollars escaped. Mrs. Albert's wife was severed and she possibly die.

American Reported

Washington, Special.—Seven-eighths George Cannon, a fifty-two inches Cannon, had been at lower edge ragus by order of the court. found their ment Tuesdays of Velvet.

Keep hem of velvet is a pleasure in the trimming line and novel, its predecessor of the being much narrower. The item extends to the knees or above. Bretzschwanz, caracul, and seal musquash, as well as are utilized for such hems.

Turbans Are Large.

New turbans are all large and generally are simply trimmed.

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