

FIRST TEST VOTE ON CURRENCY BILL

Victory for the Administration Forces in Effort to Reduce Regional Banks.

SUBSTITUTE TABLED, 40 TO 35

Leaders on Both Sides of Senate Look for Final Action on Measure before End of Week.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Victory for the administration forces in the first test of strength on the currency reform bill marked today's session of the Senate. The vote, 40 to 35, applied a substitute offered by Senator Hitchcock for action on the administration bill, providing a system of four regional banks, with a possible increase of eight, the regional bank stock to be owned by the public.

When the Hitchcock substitute had been tabled, Senator Reed made a speech vigorously defending the Owen bill and replying to Senator Root who on Saturday established the measure and called Secretary Finley the dominating influence behind the proposed new currency system.

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KOCH DEFENDED BY FIVE LAWYERS DIFFERENT STORY OF THE SHOOTING

Trial of Wealthy West Haven Man on Charge of Murder Is Begun.

Grand Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty on Charge of Murder.

Prosecution's Case Against Koch.

Defense's Case for Koch.

Witnesses' Testimony.

Verdict and Sentence.

Lighthouse Keeper Says Gordon Did Not Threaten to Strike Koch.

Witnesses' Testimony.

Prosecution's Case.

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FORMALLY ANNEX CRETE

King Constantine of Greece Personally Unites the Hellenic Flag.

Witnesses' Testimony.

Verdict and Sentence.

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ENGINEER KILLED IN CAB

Supposed Mail Car at Fletcher Struck Him on Head.

Witnesses' Testimony.

Verdict and Sentence.

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GIRLS ARE BADLY HURT

One of the Middlebury Coasters Recently Becomes Unconscious.

Witnesses' Testimony.

Verdict and Sentence.

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CHOCOLATE NO GOOD AS EMERGENCY RATION

Witnesses' Testimony.

Verdict and Sentence.

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PASS WAR CLAIMS BILL

Appropriations Total \$1,729,012 and Cover 1,158 Damage Suits.

Witnesses' Testimony.

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BIG VERMONT TREE FOR JOHN D.'S CHRISTMAS

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