

SENATE PASSES CURRENCY BILL

Every Democratic Vote Is in Favor of Measure.

ROLL CALL RESULTS 54 TO 34

Six Republicans and One Progressive Also Fall in Line With the Majority on Final Action.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The house passed the conference report on the administration currency bill by a vote of 298 to 60 and sent the report to the senate, which had waited in session to receive it before adjournment.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The administration currency bill, as perfected by the Owen subcommittee and ratified by the Democratic caucus, passed the senate by a vote of 54 to 34. Every Democratic senator present and voting, including Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, was recorded in favor of the bill.

Six Republicans voted for it—Crawford and Sterling of South Dakota, Jones of Washington, Norris of Nebraska, Perkins of California and Weeks of Massachusetts. Senator Poindexter, Progressive, of Washington, also voted for the bill.

Wide differences exist between the form of the legislation passed by the senate and the bill that passed the house several months ago. Democratic leaders already have partly adjusted these differences, however, and an early agreement is predicted.

Senator Owen, who had charge of the bill in the upper house, describes the measure as follows:

It provides a plan for concentrating the reserves of 25,000 banks into the most gigantic association in the world. It provides the mobilization of these bank reserves, thus keeping them liquid and quickly available into cash.

It provides for the issuance of elastic currency through federal reserve notes, which may be obtained on the security of commercial bills of short maturities.

An Open Discount Market.

It establishes an open discount market, which America has never had; and in this open discount market will be found a place where commercial bills and commercial paper can be discounted at all times at low rates of interest.

It provides for safeguarding the 2 per cent bonds.

It will stabilize the commercial, financial and industrial conditions of the United States.

It establishes foreign branch banks to take care of our foreign commerce.

It extends a strong helping hand to the farmers and producers of the country and will be very valuable to business men as well as to the bankers themselves.

The system is under the supervisory control of the government through a federal reserve board with full power to fix the interest rates, control the elastic currency or federal reserve notes, examine the banks and remove officers or directors of any federal reserve bank.

The system will start with \$73,000,000 of capital and will in two years have over \$400,000,000 of reserve and probably \$200,000,000 of government funds distributed through from eight to twelve banks adjusted to serve conveniently and systematically every section of the country.

UNIONS TO TAKE OUT FUNDS

International Organizations Will Withdraw Millions.

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—As an aftermath of the recent labor trouble and strikes here it was announced that officers of most international unions with headquarters in the city have decided to withdraw from Indianapolis banks Jan. 1 all the funds of the international organizations.

The deposits amount to between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. It is said the withdrawal will not seriously affect any one bank.

SINGER SEEKS SEPARATION

Madame Schumann-Heink Asks Divorce From William Rapp.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Suit for divorce was filed here by Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the opera singer, against her husband, William Rapp. Desertion is the charge. They were married here in May, 1905, and the singer since has made Chicago her residence. Rapp deserted her two years ago, she alleges. They have no children.

Pays Alimony to Four Wives.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 21.—Robert O'Brien, aged sixty years, a well-to-do farmer, is paying \$80 a month alimony to four divorced wives. No. 1 receives \$10, No. 2 \$20, while Nos. 3 and 4 get \$25 each. O'Brien has children by the last three.

CAPTAIN CHAPIN.

Commander of Battleship Wyoming Is Dead at Brooklyn.



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Captain Frederick Lincoln Chapin, late commander of the battleship Wyoming, is dead in the hospital at the Brooklyn navy yard, to which he was taken on his arrival at New York a week ago. He had been ill a week when the Wyoming reached New York from the Mediterranean.

FIVE HUNDRED DIE IN LAVA STREAMS

Heavy Loss of Life on the Island of Ambrym.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 23.—Incoming steamers bring details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives.

Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear.

With a terrific roar, followed by a rapid succession of artillerylike detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full capacity, spouting flames and lava and throwing out huge boulders.

Great streams of lava rushed down the slopes, cutting off the villagers from escape.

IOWA CONGRESSMAN DEAD

I. S. Pepper Succumbs to Attack of Typhoid Fever.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 23.—Congressman I. S. Pepper of the Second Iowa district is dead here. He recently suffered a relapse while convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Dec. 23.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, 86½¢; No. 1 Northern, 85½¢; No. 2 Northern, 83½¢@84¼¢. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$1.47½.

South St. Paul Live Stock.

South St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Steers, \$5.50@7.75; cows and heifers, \$4.50@6.60; calves, \$4.50@9.00; feeders, \$4.30@5.50. Hogs—\$7.35@7.55. Sheep—Lambs, \$5.50@7.10; wethers, \$3.75@4.50; ewes, \$2.50@4.35.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Dec. 87½¢; May, 91¢; July, 87½¢. Corn—Dec., 69¢; May, 69¼¢@69½¢; July, 68½¢. Oats—Dec., 39½¢; May, 41¢; July, 40¼¢@40½¢. Pork—Jan., \$20.55; May, \$20.82. Butter—Creameries, 34¢. Eggs—29@31¢. Poultry—Hens, 13¢; springs, 13¢; turkeys, 18¢.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Beeves, \$6.70@9.80; Texas steers, \$6.70@7.75; Western steers, \$6.00@7.75; stockers and feeders, \$5.00@7.50; cows and heifers, \$3.35@8.50; calves, \$7.00@10.50. Hogs—Light, \$7.35@7.75; mixed, \$7.45@7.85; heavy, \$7.45@7.85; rough, \$7.45@7.55; pigs, \$6.25@7.65. Sheep—Native, \$4.40@5.65; yearlings, \$5.50@6.65.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Dec., 83½¢; May, 87½¢; July, 88½¢@88¾¢. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, 87¢; No. 1 Northern, 84¼¢@86¼¢; to arrive, 85½¢@86½¢; No. 2 Northern, 82¼¢@84¼¢; No. 3 Northern, 80¼¢@82¼¢; No. 3 yellow corn, 59¢@59½¢; No. 4 corn, 53¢@56¼¢; No. 3 white oats, 36¼¢@36½¢; to arrive, 36¼¢; No. 3 oats, 33¢@35¢; barley, 64¢@67¢; rye, \$1.48.

FOUR WISCONSIN SKATERS DROWN

Thin Ice Causes Series of Fatal Accidents.

HEROIC EFFORTS AT RESCUE

Young Man and Boy Perish in Icy Waters Near Oconomowoc and a Companion Has Narrow Escape. Youth Drowns at Birnamwood and Mere Child Perishes in Lake Nebagamon.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Four youthful Wisconsin skaters met death when the ice gave way beneath them.

George Grotowski, twenty-one years old, and Homer Hathway, fourteen years old, of Oconomowoc, drowned in Lake La Belle and Russell Eddy had a narrow escape. Both bodies were recovered.

At Birnamwood, Frank Snyder, twenty years old, skated into open water on Mayflower lake. Two boys went to his rescue, one of whom had a narrow escape from drowning.

Arnold Neros, nine years old, was drowned in Lake Nebagamon.

Lawrence Adams, eight years old, went through the ice at Goodman and Julius Newman, twelve years old, although unable to swim, leaped into the cold water and saved his companion.

INDIANS ARE NOT STARVING

Chief John Grass Outlines Situation to Governor Hanna.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 23.—John Grass, chief of the Sioux tribe on the Standing Rock Indian reservation, denies in a letter to Governor L. B. Hanna that there is any real suffering or possibility of starvation among the Indians of that reservation.

Chief Grass admits there may be a few isolated instances of real want, but in the main he contends that the reds are in fairly good condition. He also asserts that the Indian agency in charge of the reservation is ready to handle any cases of want. In his letter he asks the governor to correct the impression that there is extensive want among the Indians.

Dr. A. McBeede, who has discussed the situation among the Indians, is heading a movement for the establishment of the Indians on an entirely free and independent basis.

PHONE MERGER PREVENTED

Bell Agreement With Government Destroys Sioux Falls Plan.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 23.—Efforts were made in the fall to consolidate the Northwestern and the New State telephone systems in Sioux Falls, but a protest made to the state board of railroad commissioners, which has jurisdiction over telephone companies having lines and exchanges in the state, caused a suspension of activities. Now, however, all hope of the consolidation has gone glimmering as a result of the agreement reached between the attorney general of the United States and the Bell telephone interests, which virtually prohibits the Bell interests from absorbing independent concerns and dissolving mergers that had not already been brought to a point where former independent companies have entirely lost their identity as independent concerns.

ONLY URGES OTHERS' FLIGHT

Cripple, Clothing on Fire, Orders Family From Danger.

Kenmare, N. D., Dec. 23.—With his body a mass of flames, the result of an oil explosion that had thrown the burning fluid over him, H. E. Corbin, a cripple, thought first of the safety of his wife and children and he called to his wife, still sleeping, to flee from the house with the babies. Corbin himself, hampered by a crippled leg, attempted to smother the flames with a quilt, but when his wife returned to the house after taking the children to the home of a neighbor she found Corbin lying in the doorway, where he had been overcome. The building was destroyed.

TIE SALOONIST; ROB SAFE

Masked Bandits Get \$500 in Cash and \$2,000 in Jewelry.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—While one holdup man snapped a lock on the back door and stood guard outside two others rushed into the Copper King saloon and tied the hands of Harry Adams, proprietor of the place. They went through the safe, taking \$500 in cash and \$2,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

SENATOR CRAVEN IS DEAD

Veteran Democrat Once a Congressional Candidate.

Norwood, Minn., Dec. 23.—Senator Joseph W. Craven died here, aged fifty-nine years. Mr. Craven had been closely identified with the Democratic party in Minnesota for more than thirty years. He was a candidate for Congress in the Third district in 1904.

OPERA HOUSE MATTERS.

Committee Still at Work and Fund Gradually Growing.

The Commercial club committee having in charge the raising of opera house funds are still at work and have \$17,170 subscribed. There are still a number of prospects to be seen and the committee is confident that the building can be erected entirely free from debt so that the stockholders will receive returns on their investment from the beginning. A meeting of the shareholders will be held soon to organize and take the necessary steps to incorporate. Following is the list of persons who have subscribed for stock:

- Allen, E. H.
- American Loan and Inv. Co.
- Alexander, C. S.
- Allen, Wm.
- Addie, H. G.
- Anderson, G.
- Burgess, H. C.
- Burgess, C. C.
- Bishop, H.
- Barker, W. L.
- Baldwin, R. J.
- Barth, L. P.
- Burgess, Ray.
- Button, R. G.
- Barker, A. E.
- Brown, Roe.
- Blandin, F. C.
- Bronw, A. H.
- Bronw, J. J.
- Converse, S. A.
- Caward, R. S.
- Culbert, M. H.
- Culver, S. H.
- Connolly, Wm.
- Church, Edwin.
- Cresco Light, Heat & Power Co.
- Champlin, George.
- Chyle, Anna.
- Clark Bros.
- Culbert, H. W.
- Clemmer, P. A.
- Craghill, J. H.
- Converse, A. E.
- Myron Converse.
- Clemmer, J. J.
- Cutting, J. A.
- Caward, A. J.
- Cameron, L. J.
- Darrow, Job.
- Durgin, N. S.
- Daly, W. T.
- Daubersmith, F. A.
- Donaldson, Scott.
- Emmons, L. E.
- Edmister, Emma.
- Edmister, Mary.
- Enright, R. M.
- Evans, B. R.
- Eddy, W. G.
- Farnsworth, John.
- Freehaut, C. F.
- Farnsworth, E. P.
- Asa Farnsworth.
- Farnsworth, C. E.
- Forthun, Chris.
- Ferrie, D. J.
- Feldstein, Sam.
- Glass, T. E.
- Gill, G. L.
- Geraty, R.
- Graf, M. M.
- Z. T. Gardner.
- Glass, F. A.
- Hub, The.
- Hunting, Wm.
- Hulls, F. B.
- Huber, F. A.
- Hamilton, S. A.
- Hoopman, E. A.
- Hansen, L.
- Howard, J. W.
- Hall, Al.
- C. J. Harlan.
- Ben Headington.
- Irvine, Eugene.
- Jedderlee, J. W.
- Jones, T. H.
- Kohout, E. P.
- Kessel, Dr.
- Keillogg, George.
- John Kakac.
- Kraft, Odell & Co.
- Kellow, Wm.
- Klein, J. A.
- Lusson, Theo.
- Lowry, F. B.
- Luers, J. H.
- Long, Frank E.
- Lowry, J. J.
- Lomas, F. B.
- Lent, F. C.
- Lowry, Charles.
- Mott & Co.
- McCook, John.
- Marshall, C. A.
- Milz, W. F.
- Mueller, J. L.
- Mead, F. D.
- Morgan, H. E.
- Maruska, Frank.
- Marshall, C. W.
- McIntosh, H. A.
- McDermott, John.
- Murtagh, Rev. John.
- Malek, Jos.
- Moeh, H. C.
- McHugh, O. J.
- Nichols, C. D.
- Owens, G. H.
- O'Malley, P. F.
- Owens, John.
- Ohmacht, Gus.
- Palmer, D. A.
- Petersen, H. D.
- Peterson, A. L.
- Powers, C. J.

THE SHORT COURSE.

Annual short course meeting held Friday, Dec. 19, 1913.

Officers elected for 1914:
President... J. J. Driscoll
Vice-President and Manager... D. T. Robertson

Secretary... C. C. Nichols
Treasurer... R. M. Thomson
Representative to Des Moines... C. V. Johnson

A vice-president from each township in Howard county and in Fremont, Orleans, Lincoln and Bluffton to be appointed by executive board.

Constitution drawn up by committee appointed in 1912 to be adopted.

If a balance in treasury at end of each short course the manager and secretary are to be paid up to \$25 each, to go into effect Dec. 20, 1913.

If there are any outstanding bills please present to the secretary, C. C. Nichols. A full financial report will be printed as soon as all bills are settled.

C. C. NICHOLS.

Winners of prizes in Stock Judging and Corn Exhibit:

- Beef Cattle.**
1st—R. M. Thomson.
2nd—E. G. Simms.
3rd—Ralph McCloud.

- Sheep.**
1st—J. J. Johnson.
2nd—R. M. Thomson.
3rd—Harold Milbrath.

- Hogs.**
1st—A. J. Chubbuck.
2nd—J. A. Daley.
3rd—Lowell Johnson.

- Dairy Cattle.**
1st—Fred Curtis.
2nd—Lowell Johnson.
3rd—A. J. Chubbuck.

- Horses.**
1st—Aubrey Johnson.
2nd—R. M. Thomson.
3rd—Fred Curtis and R. J. Doolittle.

- Average.**
1st—Aubrey Johnson.
2nd—George Burnikil.
3rd—Lyle Betts.
4th—R. J. Doolittle.

- Farm Crops.**
1st—Roy Betts.
2nd—L. Ferkingstad.

- Boys Under 18.**
1st—N. House.
2nd—Ned Carmen.

- Corn Exhibit.**
Best 10 ears of white—
1st—Lowell Johnson.
2nd—L. E. Hoover, Le Roy.
Best 10 ears of yellow—
1st—J. B. Mitchell.
2nd—E. B. Woodard.

- Best 10 ears any variety—
1st—Lowell Johnson.
2nd—L. E. Hoover, Le Roy.
Best single ear—
1st—L. E. Hoover.
Best 70 ears.
1st—J. B. Mitchell.
2nd—E. B. Woodard.

- Ear that shelled most—
1st—J. B. Mitchell, 13 oz.
2nd—Henry Weber, 11 3/4 oz.
New Oregon twp. best 70 ears—
1st—J. B. Mitchell.

- Oak Dale twp. 10 ears—
1st—L. E. Hoover, Le Roy.
2nd—Henry Weber, Le Roy.
Chester twp. 10 ears, white—
1st—Howard Palmer.

- Most prizes won—
J. B. Mitchell.
Best peck of late oats—
1st—L. E. Hoover.
Best peck of early oats—
1st—J. J. Johnson.
Best display of apples—
1st—Lawrence Ferkingstad.

MORE IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE

Increase During October of 25,840 Over Month Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 8.—There were admitted to the United States 134,140 immigrant aliens in October this year, according to statistics just issued by the bureau of immigration of the department of labor.

This is an increase of 25,840 over the same month last year, when 108,300 were admitted. The number admitted, however, was nearly double that of October, 1911, when 69,418 immigrant aliens entered this country.

TRAIN WRECK IN ROUMANIA

One Hundred Persons Killed or Injured.

Bucharest, Dec. 8.—News reached this city that 100 persons had been killed or injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train near Costesti, southwest of Bucharest, near the Danube.

Wilson Turns Down Suffragists.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he favored a standing committee in the house of representatives but he denied their request that he send a special message to congress upon the reform.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA