

PASS APPROPRIATION BILLS

Will Be Extent of Legislation In Congress.

THE SHAME OF WASHINGTON

Fact Established That Great Northern Framed Supreme Court Decision.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—Carrying with them some of the original documents and many authenticated copies of others which show the relations between Attorney Gordon of the Great Northern railroad and Judge Milo A. Root, of the state supreme court, the members of the investigating committee of the state bar association departed yesterday afternoon for Seattle. While the committee did not procure possession of even get to see all of the documents which it came to Spokane in search of, it did procure enough of them to establish the astonishing fact that Attorney Gordon and not Judge Root was the author of the decision in the case of W. H. Harris versus the Great Northern railway company and that Judge Root, in presenting the decision for filing as the opinion of the court, acted as the tool of Attorney Gordon.

Gordon note Books Examined. This fact is established by transcribed copies of the stenographic notes of letters dictated by Gordon to J. J. Lavin, formerly his private secretary, now one of the Spokane attorneys for the Great Northern. Mr. Lavin was before the committee twice, and yesterday morning the members of the committee spent more than two hours in Mr. Lavin's office in the Great Northern depot going over the Gordon note books and deciding which of the Gordon letters were material in the Gordon-Root investigation.

In getting the Gordon notes and other information from Mr. Lavin the committee was materially assisted by L. C. Gilman, general western counsel for the Great Northern, who worked with them throughout their Spokane sessions. Since the first publication in the newspapers that Attorney Gordon was short in his accounts, at which time Mr. Gilman verified that fact in a public interview Mr. Gilman has persistently and studiously refrained from discussing the Gordon-Root matter publicly. The report is current that in so doing he was acting under instructions from the higher officials of the road.

But since the Spokane hearing by the committee began Mr. Gilman apparently has appeared willingly before the committee. Whether this has been done with the consent of the higher officials of the road it is impossible to ascertain, but the presence of President Lewis W. Hill of the road in the city while the committee was in session is interpreted by attorneys who are closely following the investigation as indicating that Mr. Gilman was acting with consent if not actually under instructions of his superiors.

Gilman Aids Committee. Mr. Gilman came to Spokane on Monday, the day following the arrival of the committee. When he first appeared before the committee, he sought to convey the impression that he was here on routine company business. It soon became known, however, that his presence in the committee and his assistance in getting at the documents in the case were desired by the investigating committee and for the last two days he has been assisting the committee almost constantly during its formal sessions.

Among other rumors set afloat in connection with the Root stories has been one that Attorney Gordon on some occasion procured the written authorization of one or more of the higher officials of the Great Northern to contribute some sort of financial aid or assistance to Judge Root in consideration for the favors shown

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The final session of the sixtieth congress which opens next Tuesday will be characterized for a great deal of talk and little work, and there is little likelihood that many laws will be enacted. The matter of most importance to come before the session will probably be the appropriation bills, and in connection with them on every hand economy is to be practiced. It is stated that the appropriations for the next year will not go over \$1,000,000,000 outside of the regular budget. The heaviest expenditures to be met by appropriations, it is said, will be the river and harbor bills. The American Federation of Labor will make an effort to have the unions exempted from the provisions of the Sherman law, and a hard fight is expected along these lines. The tariff bill will occasion much oratory, but it is not expected that anything will be done with relation to it until the next session.

FORFEITED HIS BOND

Embezzler Brown Failed to Appear in Court.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 3.—N. C. Brown, who was arrested here several weeks ago on the charge of embezzlement failed to make his appearance in court this morning when his case was called for trial and his bond of \$600 was declared forfeited. The crime was alleged to have been committed in the Beck hotel where Brown was employed as a book keeper, and the amount stolen \$1,000.

CITY IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Geo. Stickney, of St. Maries, is a visitor in the city.

E. C. Hubbard and wife, of Lyndale, are in the city.

M. K. Wall, a prominent business man, of Harrison, is in the city on business.

C. E. Connell, Miss Olive Voelker, Geo. Durkey and Miss Nell Phalen went to Spokane last evening to see the play Fifty Miles from Boston.

Miss Fetcha formerly at the Fourth street Fair will have a holiday sale of art goods and china at the Elite Millinery. Also stamping lessons.

The Modern Woodmen of America elected at a meeting last night, the following officers for the ensuing year: C. A. Stowe consul; W. S. Landt, advisor; A. V. Chamberlin, clerk; J. L. Robinson, banker; A. Busse, escort; W. F. Heuser, watchman; Gus Whitesitt, sentry; Oscar Nelson, manager for one year, and S. H. McEuen for three years, and Doctors M. A. Dorland and John T. Wood as physicians.



ARCHBISHOP PATRICK J. RYAN. It is asserted that the pope will soon confer the red hat on Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan, head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Philadelphia.

COSGROVE GROWS WEAKER

Governor Elect of Washington in Serious Condition.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 3.—The condition of governor elect Cosgrove of Washington was so unfavorable today that Dr. Everhart of Berkeley was called into consultation with the attending physicians, and a strong belief prevails that he is seriously ill. Mrs. Cosgrove who has been constantly by the side of her husband during his illness in an interview today said: "Cosgrove is a very sick man. He has suffered a severe attack of indigestion, but this has now passed, and I am hopeful that he will recover, but I do not desire to give out a false impression. I hope that the next few days will see a change for the better. I have no idea now when we will return to Washington."

HENEY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Went to His Home to Recuperate For Short Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Francis J. Heney, who was shot by Morris Haas, and who since that time has been confined to the Lane hospital in this city left the institution this morning. He went direct to the home of William Kent at Dentfield where he will spend several weeks recuperating. The physicians now state that there is no longer any danger of a relapse.

Reports from the woods are that the fall of snow is sufficient to make logging good.

DEWEY IS HONORED.

Is Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The elevation of Rear Admiral Dewey to a position in the navy department that will be second to that of Secretary Newbury is being predicted here. The position will make him the head of the navy board, the arbitrator of personal matters, and place him in charge of the construction of all detail work in the naval administration and his work be subject to the approval of only the secretary of the navy, an dthe president.

STOMACH POWDER KILLS

Authorities Investigating the Death of Harry Boas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The authorities here today are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Harry Boas who was found dead in bed this morning. Boas prior to retiring swallowed some "stomach powder" and it is believed that these were the cause of his death, and an analysis is being made of them. Accompanying the powders which were sent to Boas through the mail was a letter signed by Charles McHawer, M. D., of San Jose, and in this letter McHawer stated that he sent the powders for the purpose of relieving Boas of an indigestion of which he had complained. McHawer is well known in both San Jose and San Francisco. Boas formerly lived at San Jose, and was at the time the representative of the Bennett Electric company.

TONG GREETES PRES. ROOSEVELT

Chinese Envoy Presents Letter From Late Emperor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—"Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace; these are our heartfelt wishes."

These are the sentiments expressed in the concluding sentence of the letter from the late emperor of China to the president, handed him by Tong Shoa Yi, the special Chinese ambassador, thanking the United States government for the remission of \$14,000,000 of the indemnity guaranteed by China for damages resulting from the Boxer rebellion.

The presentation of the letter took place in the blue parlor of the White House this afternoon. The letter was as follows:

Emperor's Letter.
"The Emperor of China to the president of the United States of America. Greeting:
"Mr. President: China has always maintained the most friendly relations with the United States since the establishment of intercourse between the two countries. By taking the initiative in proposing remission of a portion of the indemnity as provided by treaty, your excellency has won the respect of mankind for magnanimity and just dealing. Furthermore, the congress has given signal proof of friendliness by giving effect of your excellency's recommendations. In sincere recognition of this generous act, we hereby appoint Tang Shoa Yi an official with the rank of president of a ministry and governor of the province of Fengtien, as special ambassador, to proceed to the United States for the purpose of presenting this, our letter. We have always placed entire confidence in his eminent ability, clear perception and striking intelligence. We have specially commended him in the discharge of his duties, to convey to your excellency the expression of our grateful thanks and testify to our lasting friendship. It is our hope that the relations of the two countries will be further strengthened by mutual confidence. Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness; may the Amer-

ican people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace; these are our heartfelt wishes.

"Given on the 24th day of the eighth moon in the 34th year of Kwang Hsu (September 19, 1908.)"

In presenting the letter Ambassador Tong recalled that it was the last message addressed by his late majesty to the president, and said that every line of it breathed friendship and good will for the government and people of the United States, and voiced the sentiments of all China.

Roosevelt's Reply.

In his reply the president said: "I ask you to express to your august sovereign and to the Chinese government my appreciation and that of the government and the people of the United States of the sending of this special embassy, which so finely signalizes a fresh manifestation of that sincere confidence, good will and friendship between the United States and the Chinese empire, which it is the cherished aim of this government to foster for all time."

ALEXANDER MCCAULLY KILLED

Was Prominent Business Man of Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 3.—According to a dispatch received here today Alexander McCaully, a prominent business man of this place, and a former member of the state legislature, was killed by falling over a precipice in Teton county Tuesday. McCaully at the time that the accident occurred was out hunting, and owing to the fact that the place is situated in a remote section of the mountain country the particulars attendant upon it could not be learned.

FORM RADICAL PARTY.

Heterogeneous Radicals are Getting Together.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—A new radical party is being formed here by representatives from all the radical elements of the nation, and it is attracting considerable attention. Jay Forest, of Albany, New York, is the leader. He was formerly chairman of the populist campaign committee.

CITY TAX CASE FILE TEST SUIT

Sherman Park People Claim to Be Illegally Assessed.

That a suit will be filed in the district court by a number of property holders in that portion of the city known as Sherman Park, asking the court to enjoin the county officers from the collection of taxes in behalf of the city, was the announcement of Henry P. Knight, of the law firm of Gray & Knight, this morning. A meeting was held at the chapel on the fort grounds last evening by property owners in that vicinity, and its purpose was to decide upon some method of securing a legal status with reference to the city, and it is said that the above action was decided upon. According to the statement of Mr. Knight this morning there is a defect existing in the plats of the property in this section of the city, and also that the ordinance annexing the territory to the city is invalid, and therefore the property is not subject to a city tax.

The land was originally owned by the Sherman Park company, and by it platted into lots and sold. In certifying to the plats, the president of the company designated the lots as private tracts, and the streets and alleyways as private, and in it there is no mention of the city, nor have any deeds been executed since the filing of the plats dedicating the streets and alleys to the city. This, it is claimed, was in violation of law, and gives the city no jurisdiction over the property holders. A committee, consisting of S. G. Sargent, W. E. Seelye, and F. D. Winn were appointed last night at the meeting to take over the interest of the company in the lots.

Another point raised is that the general annexation ordinance is invalid. This invalidity is said to exist in the fact that the law provided that no property can be platted, and taken in and made a part of a city unless the property taken in lies adjacent to it. Between the city proper, and the property in question the Blackwell Park intervenes, and it is claimed that before the property can be annexed the Blackwell park must also be annexed.

In the mean time the property holders have decided to institute a suit that will have for its purpose the enjoinder of the collection of taxes from them until they shall be so annexed that they can compel the city to give them the benefits to be derived from its administration. Until the present, it is said, that the property owners have not been able to secure any street improvement, nor hydrants, and many other benefits because of the fact that the city administration did not regard them as being inside of the corporate limits of the city.

Another interesting feature in connection with this general annexation ordinance is the fact that it left out the Coeur d'Alene brewery, and the property of Councilman Quilan. This

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INSTAL BABY EMPEROR CHINA

Son of Prince Chun Three Years Old is Head of Chinese Empire.

PEKING, Dec. 3.—The ceremony of enthronement of the emperor today was one of striking interest. It included obeisance to the tablets of the dead emperor and empress dowager and prostrations before the infant emperor, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, who formally took the throne.

The imperial proclamation for the function was arranged at the palace yesterday. It ordered that music for the occasion be prepared, but that not a single note be played; this because of the mourning of the court for their late majesties. Troops entered the eastern gate of the palace at 4 o'clock this morning. They took up their respective positions inside, and the high officials of the empire began to arrive. At 10 o'clock not less than 305 carriages, together with a vast number of sedan chairs resplendent and brilliant in the winter sunshine, were outside the palace.

The function began by the princes of the imperial family and the high officials of the empire kow-towing to the memorial tablets of their late majesties. After this they all kow-towed in turn to Pu Yi. Pu Yi then offered a sacrifice before the tablets of the emperor and the dowager empress. After this he was relieved of his dress of mourning and clad in a diminutive imperial garment embroidered with the imperial dragon. His nurses performed this duty with great attention and care. Thus arrayed the toddling emperor ascended the throne amid a fanfare of drums, bells and firecrackers. He made his way alone, and showed no need of assistance that willing hands would have given had his little feet faltered. From the throne Pu Yi kow-towed to his step-mother, the dowager empress Yehonala. He then received the kow towa, while still on the throne, of all the princes and officials present. This over, he descended and was again clad in his little dress of mourning.

Coolies Were Witnesses.

The ceremony took place in the throne room of the Forbidden City. The officials present were selected with great care, and were the highest men in the empire. According to well-established customs a number of humble coolies, men from the lowest walks of life, were brought into the sacred precincts of the Forbidden City to act as witnesses. Soldiers played but an inconspicuous part.

At 11 o'clock the officials began leaving the palace. Traffic outside the Forbidden City was at no time impeded. The scene was enlivened by a number of pilgrims who had come on camels all the way from Mongolia.

Offer Sacrifices in Temples.

All yesterday sacrifices were made to the late majesties by the highest dignitaries of the empire at the five important temples of Peking, the temples of Heaven, of the Ancestors, of the Earth, of Agriculture and of Confucius.

The edict setting forth the accession of Pu Yi to the throne and granting amnesty was carried with much ceremony to the throne hall. It was escorted by all the members of the grand council, who were in turn escorted by all the members of the board of rights. In the throne hall it was given the official vermilion seal. This observance concluded, it was carried out of the Forbidden City and thence to the office of the board of rights, where it was proclaimed and put in circulation.

In addition to granting amnesty for certain specified offenses, the

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HENRY S. GUINEY. Governor elect of New Hampshire. He is a Republican.