

# WAGE BILLS TO BE FORWARDED TO REFORMERS

### Bill Putting Court Out of Business Favorably Reported in House.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE UNSEATS A MEMBER

Washington, D. C., March 29.—A bill to abolish the United States commerce court was favorably reported to the house today by representative Sims for the majority of the interstate and foreign commerce committee.

The measure practically would restore matters to the status existing before the passage of the commerce court act in June 1910.

Another change would vest in the interstate commerce commission exclusive authority over all litigation to which it is a party, relieving the department of jurisdiction.

A minority report, opposing the contention that the commerce court is useless and expensive, probably will be presented.

**Houseman Loses Seat.**  
The house committee on elections today voted four to one to recommend the seating of representative Charles C. Bowman, of Pittston, Pa., 11th district on charges of land fraud and gross irregularity of election.

The subcommittee of the committee of agriculture consisting of congressmen Beall, Lester, Candler, Hensley and Plumley, appointed to consider bills introduced to prevent gambling in cotton, grain and other futures, has agreed to have a hearing on all the bills before the committee and invite all to be present who wish to be heard on either bill.

**Veterans Urge Memorial.**  
Grand Army veterans urged before the public buildings committee of the senate the passage of a bill for a memorial amphitheater at Arlington national cemetery.

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President Taft today vetoed the joint resolution passed by congress to provide for the establishment of a permanent manufacturing camp for regular troops and militia near Annapolis, Md.

**Phosphorus Match Bill Passes.**  
The bill by representative Hughes, of New Jersey, Democrat, virtually taxing out of existence the phosphorus match industry in the United States, was passed by the house after a heated debate.

**CORN PRODUCTION OF THE ARGENTINE IS ESTIMATED.**  
Washington, D. C., March 29.—The international institute of agriculture, Rome, Italy, has advised the United States department of agriculture the following:

"The estimated production of corn in Argentina this season (1911-12) is 147,527,000 hundredweight (255,354,000 bushels)."

## Didn't Want The \$1,000

Mr. James L. Marr,  
Care Austin & Marr,  
El Paso, Tex.

"On Saturday March 16 The Herald deposited with James L. Marr a certified check for \$1000 to show good faith in its request for a circulation examination."

"The offer stood for 10 days. Its non-acceptance by the Times is taken as acknowledgement by the Times of the truth of The Herald's circulation statement. However, The Herald will be glad to cooperate with advertisers at any time in a thorough audit of all circulation figures, and believes that advertisers are entitled to such proof. As a matter of record the conditions of the \$1000 proposition are here repeated:

"The El Paso Herald and the El Paso Times each shall post with you a certified check for \$1000, to be paid out as specified below on the order of the investigating committee:

1.—The El Paso Herald guarantees that its BONA FIDE NET PAID CIRCULATION for the full period of 12 months ending March 1, 1912, is more than double that of the El Paso Times.

2.—The Herald will forfeit to the Times \$1 for every subscription lacking to make its bona fide paid average circulation double that of the El Paso Times; provided that the Times will forfeit to any charity ten cents for every subscription it lacks to make one-half of The Herald's circulation. The word "subscription" in this connection to be construed as "average paid copy per day for the 12 months."

The examination to cover the full period of one year ending March 1, 1912. The Times to name one examiner, The Herald to name one, and these two to name a third. The Herald stands ready to defray all expenses of the examination. It shall be a condition that the committee's report showing the figures established by this examination shall be published in FULL by both The El Paso Herald and the El Paso Times within six days after the report is signed.

The investigating committee shall have free access to any record bearing on the production, sale, and delivery of every copy issued by either The El Paso Herald or the El Paso Times, whether in El Paso or outside, and the committee shall thoroughly investigate all these records. This shall include cash books, postage and express receipts, bills for print paper, freight bills on print paper, subscription lists, collection books, and all other records affecting circulation business.

### Million Miners Are Voting on Question of Ending the Strike.

## COST OF IDLENESS TO MINERS ENORMOUS

London, England, March 29.—Royal assent to the minimum wage scale was given at noon today.

Ballooting began today in all the districts of the united kingdom on the question of whether the 1,000,000 miners now on strike should return to work pending the decision of the district boards, to be appointed under the government's minimum wage act, on the rates of wages in the various centers.

The full returns of the balloting will not be officially announced until April 4, but it probably will be after Easter before all the miners return to work. From now on, however, it is expected that greater numbers will resume each day.

**Cost of Strike Enormous.**  
The total cost of the strike to the nation is estimated at \$5,576,250, and the balance left in the union treasuries now amounts to only \$4,175,000, most of which is invested in securities, which will not bring in their full value under forced sale.

The admiralty has learned a lesson from the strike and has begun working out plans for immense coal and oil storage locks at the new naval base at Rosyth, Scotland.

**Miners Return to Work.**  
A considerable number of miners went into the pits in various districts today. Some 3000 men returned work in the collieries of Warwickshire and the miners of Lanarkshire are returning to work.

**Miners' Wages Promising.**  
The coal situation shows a very decided improvement. Although resumption of work has been numerous than expected, the miners deciding to wait for the result of the ballot before returning to work.

**Live Stock Board Named.**  
Governor Hunt appointed the state livestock and sanitary board yesterday. It consists of James Johnson, of Williams; S. M. Rossard, of Tucson, and Edmond, of Phoenix.

**Record on Election Statistics.**  
Arizona voters are proud of the fact that the election was held in 19 minutes to elect one senator, Jonathan Bourne.

**Arizona's New Bills.**  
New bills introduced in the house map out a considerable lot of work for the legislature at no distant date.

**Exempting Veterans of the Civil War.**  
To provide a cold storage law limiting the time articles of food may be held in storage, and providing penalties for violation of the act.

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### Arizona Will Not Have Special Election For Action on the Amendment.

## TIPPING TO BE MADE A FELONY

Phoenix, Ariz., March 29.—The house passed its first measure in the form of a substitute for the judiciary recall bill, fathered by Lynch, defeated candidate for speaker. The bill provides for a constitutional amendment providing for the recall of all state, county, precinct and judicial officers, to be submitted to a popular vote at the regular election in November.

The house also passed a legislative appropriation bill carrying \$50,000 and a joint resolution ratifying the income tax amendment to the constitution of the United States.

**Arizona Has Fallen into Line in the anti-tipping crusade.**  
The bill prohibits tipping in the hotel industry. It provides severe penalties for anyone who accepts gratuities.

**Rules Squelch Republicans.**  
A long wrangle over the adoption of the senate rules occupied most of yesterday's session. The result was a victory for the majority—four Republicans.

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### United States Furnishing Rifles and Pistols For Its Citizens There.

## ROBBERS ACTIVE AROUND DURANGO

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Acting secretary of state Wilson today confirmed a report from Mexico City that all dependable Americans were to be armed for their own defence and other foreign governments are to take like safeguards.

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(By Geo. H. Clements.)  
On the Battleground with Liberal army, near Atotonilco, on Parras river, by courier to Jimenez, Chihuahua, Mexico, March 29.—General Aubert succeeded despite the careful plans of Gen. Salazar, Campa and Fernandez in making his escape from the elaborately planned trap and with the main body of his army is retreating toward the federal base at Torreón, leaving his dead, wounded and many prisoners behind him, as well as 500 horses, one mountain howitzer, three machine guns and a large quantity of ammunition captured by Gen. Fernandez when he made his assault last night.

Aubert's supposed to have with him about 800 men, but in his hurried flight he took no stores and must reach his base soon or starve for hunger. It is the purpose of Gen. Orozco to pursue at once, and to that end preparations are being made to entrain troops from the federal base which has been maintained at Escalon, while the main column parallels the railway tracks to the southward. The liberals in sense were victorious in the three days' battle with Aubert, but were badly disappointed in their failure to capture the federal chief and his forces and forever eliminate them as a menace in the campaign against Torreón.

Among the bodies picked up in Atotonilco (Villa Lopez) after the place was evacuated by the federalists last night, was one said to be that of Gen. Trucey Aubert, the federal leader. This has not been officially confirmed, though reported to the liberal headquarters in Jimenez Friday morning.

When Atotonilco was occupied much ammunition was captured, which with the arms and equipment was taken to the train going away with any fear that the liberals are in danger of running short of supplies.

**Aubert in a Trap.**  
As Napoleon prayed for night or Blucher at Waterloo, so Trucey Aubert, commander of the federalists yesterday, was caught in a trap. He was surrounded by the federal forces of Gen. Salazar and Campa, who were waiting for him in the darkness, under the hot fire of the liberals. Aubert retreated from the little town of Atotonilco, and was captured by the federal forces.

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(By Phil McLaughlin.)  
Jimenez, Chihuahua, Mex., March 29.—After being caught in a trap and seemingly surrounded on all sides by the liberals pounding a terrible artillery fire into his ranks, Gen. Aubert managed to extricate himself last night and get away in darkness, leaving behind one heavy cannon, one mortar, two machine guns and 30,000 rounds of ammunition. The cannon and machine gun were in good condition, in effecting his escape, he left 20 dead and many wounded. He also lost a number of horses and a mountain howitzer.

Aubert made a brave stand yesterday and tried every modern military device in his knowledge to effect an opening for his escape. His heavy artillery would pound one side for a possible weakness in the liberal line, but falling, would pound another but it was the same. The liberals held steady at all times, discharging their shells with accuracy, especially when dynamite shells were bursting all around them.

**Federalists Are Worn Out.**  
It was only the strain of darkness that assisted Aubert in making good for the time being his escape. His men have been up and at it for four days now and are fatigued and worn. The liberal officers on the field this morning said that he cannot possibly hold out much longer, as he is out of ammunition and shells and will be caught today.

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(By Associated Press.)  
Jimenez, Chih., Mex., March 29.—Gen. Aubert was killed in the fight yesterday, according to a report made today to Gen. Orozco. The report has not been confirmed.

**Aubert's Fighting.**  
Gen. Trucey Aubert was forced into battle with the rebels yesterday afternoon at Atotonilco, Jimenez, 20 miles from Jimenez and 8 miles away from the scene where the forces of Orozco had planned to fight him. The rebels were reported to be at headquarters here were that the rebels were steadily gaining but Aubert was fighting desperately.

**Aubert Drives Back.**  
Aubert was driven to his new position by a force of 500, who had been left to guard the hills south of Jimenez and who encountered him on his retreat.

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## FOREIGNERS GET ARMS FOR THEIR PROTECTION

City of Mexico, March 29.—A carload of rifles and ammunition is on its way here consigned to the American ambassador. These are intended for use by the American colony. The Germans have purchased 500 rifles for their own use, on which the government has waived the duty. The Mexican railway has a train made up by request of the English residents to carry them to Veracruz in case of emergency.

## MEXICO SHUTS OUT ALL FIGHTING NEWS

Laredo, Tex., March 29.—News dispatches from the United States, which were scrutinized by a censor in Mexico, were refused for transmission last night over the federal telegraph lines. News matter in Mexico frequently is censored, but absolute inhibition is unusual, and leads to the belief that conditions are greatly disturbed.

The leased wire of the Associated Press from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City was in working order, but the authorities refused its use. No reason was given. The federal telegraph office also has 2000 words of news matter offered by commercial telegraph companies but declined to handle it.