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GOVERNOR GILLETT AGAIN LABORS WITH LEGISLATURE

In Another Message He Urges Reconsideration of Enactment.

BEARING ON JAPANESE

Quotes From the President's Telegram Telling of Seriousness.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Governor Gillett today sent a message to the legislature requesting that body to reconsider the vote by which the bill relating to the Japanese was passed yesterday. The governor quotes President Roosevelt's message of last night, saying the bill is most offensive, and asking for its defeat or veto, and says:

Entitled to Consideration.

"A telegram so forcible as this coming from the president of the United States is entitled to full consideration and demands that no hasty or ill-considered action be taken by this state which may involve the whole country."

Should Take Broad View.

The governor counsels the legislature to take a broad, unprejudiced view of the important question involved in the proposed legislation, keeping in mind the interests of the nation as well as the state.

Most Offensive of All.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—With the defeat in the lower house yesterday of two of the anti-Japanese measures, followed by the unexpected passage of a third bill segregating Japanese school children in separate schools along with Chinese, Koreans, and other Asiatics, regarded as the most offensive measures of all, President Roosevelt again has taken a hand in the anti-Japanese legislation that for the last week has drawn international attention to California.

President Wires Governor.

Hardly had the bill been passed by the assembly before Governor Gillett received the following message from the president:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—J. N. Gillett, Governor of California: Your kind letter just received. What is the rumor that the California legislature has passed a bill excluding the Japanese children from the public schools? This is the most offensive bill of all, and, in my judgment, is clearly unconstitutional, and we should at once have to test it in the courts. Can it be stopped in the legislature or by veto? THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The governor at once sent a reply, the nature of which he declines at this time to make public, and he requested from the president an immediate answer. Pending the receipt of another telegram from President Roosevelt, Governor Gillett declined to discuss the action of the assembly.

Against Japanese Children.

The bill passed yesterday, which was one of three anti-Japanese measures introduced by Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, places the Japanese on the same classification with other Asiatics, and inserts the word "Japanese" in the present state statute providing for the segregation in separate schools of Mongolian children.

By this action the lower house of the California legislature has taken the step which the board of education of San Francisco intended to take two years ago, but which was abandoned after the board and former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz were called to Washington, and had several conferences with President Roosevelt.

At that time it was contested by the Japanese that they were not Mongolians, and they resented the efforts to place them in the same class with the Chinese, Coreans and other Asiatic races. The question was also raised whether under the law, the segregation of Japanese school children could be enforced in the absence of specific mention of the word "Japanese.'

Upon the return of the delegation from Washington, the San Francisco school board contented itself with the adoption of a rule limiting the age of pupils that would be permitted to attend the lower grades of the public schools, one of the principal objections to the Japanese being that adults were attending the primary grades and in daily association with white children of tender years.

Was Most Unexpected.

The passage of the Japanese school segregation bill was unexpected after the defeat Wednesday of Drew's anti-alien land bill, which was generally believed to foreshadow the rejection of all the measures aimed at the Japanese. The defeat yesterday of two more anti-Japanese bills added to the surprise occasioned by the vote on the school segregation bill.

WOMAN TRIES TO KILL MR. BROWNE

Minority Leader in the Illinois House Sought for by Hysterical Female.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5.—Lee O'Neil Browne of Ottawa, minority leader of the house of representatives, was the object of an attempted attack yesterday by a mysterious woman, which was thwarted by employes of the assembly.

"I want to see Lee O'Neil Browne," said she. "I want to kill him. Let me in."

The angry words caused the doorkeepers to act promptly, and as she mounted the platform on the floor of the house she was taken in charge by Michael Giblin, stenographer of the minority, and forced out of the hall. She was hustled into an elevator and taken to the ground floor. Her cries rent the air and it was with difficulty that she was taken out of the east door.

The whereabouts of the woman, whom Browne says he does not know, is worrying friends of the minority leader.

BLACK RUNS WILD BUT IS SHOT DOWN

Memphis Negro Fires Repeatedly Into Street Cars and Houses, but Finally is Slain.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—Following a daring holdup on a busy thoroughfare yesterday, Henry Morton, a negro armed with a revolver and with pockets filled with ammunition ran wild. He fired repeatedly into street cars and houses and at pedestrians, and terrorized a section of North Memphis before he was shot to death by police and citizens. After relieving another negro of a bundle of hides Morton endeavored to force a trade with a produce dealer at the point of his pistol. Failing, he sent a confederate to dispose of the booty, but both escaped before the arrival of the police. A riot call brought a squad of police, who were joined by several score of citizens, and Morton finally was corraled on a porch. At bay the negro continued to fire upon his pursuers, but his bullets went wild, while a volley from the pursuers put an end to the battle. Four rounds of unspent cartridges were found in the pockets of the dead negro.

FIGHTING ON BRADLEY WILL

Contest Involving $3,000,000 Estate Started at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 5.—The contest over the will of the late Mrs. Lydia Bradley, involving an estate worth $3,000,000, has begun. James A. Cameron, acting for T. B. Holmes, yesterday filed the suit to break the will of Bradley Polytechnic institute, W. W. Hammond, manager of the Bradley estate; the city of Peoria and about 200 heirs to the Bradley millions as defendants.

While the suit is brought in the name of Bruce Holmes, Mr. Cameron stated that over 100 of the heirs were interested in it and would participate in the proceedings in favor of breaking the will.

Undue influence on the part of Oliver J. Bailey, W. W. Hammond, Albion W. Small, and the late William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago, is given as the main cause for the breaking of the will, while mental weakness he stated to be another.

TORNADO HITS IN THE SOUTH, KILLLING MANY

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 5.—Reports have reached here that a cyclone struck Booth, Miss., this morning, killing six people and destroying much property.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 5.—A telephone message received here this afternoon states a tornado struck the town of Rolling Fork, Sharkey county, with 1,200 inhabitants, today, and that four persons were killed.

Stuttgart, Ark., Feb. 5.—A storm struck here today, killing two persons and injuring a number of others.

OUR U. S. WEATHER PROPHET

I'VE JUST GIVEN MY WEATHER FORECAST FOR TOMORROW TO THE PAPERS. NOW, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SORT OF WEATHER WE ARE TO HAVE, FOR I WANT TO TAKE MY SWEETHEART TO THE THEATER.

PICK TWO OTHERS

Miners Elect E. S. McCullough Vice President and Edwin Perry Secretary.

SECOND BALLOT IS COUNTED

Another Tumultuous Day Put In, President Being Unable to Preserve Order.

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—E. S. McCullough of Bay City, Mich., was elected vice president of the United Mine Workers, and Edwin Perry of Oskaloosa, Iowa, secretary-treasurer on the second ballot taken yesterday, the result being announced today.

Is a Day of Turmoil.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5.—Yesterday's session of the convention of the United Mine Workers of the United States and Canada was one of turmoil and bickering.

President Lewis charged Delegate Peter Quinn of Illinois with having practically called him a liar. The particular matter under discussion was the administration of the strike in Alabama. Lewis declared that Quinn would have to modify his statement or he would have him put out of the convention hall. He said he "had stood for the insults of this man long enough." The stenographic record of the debate was read, but the incident did not develop further.

Reverses Former Decision.

The convention adopted a resolution that the national executive board had exceeded its authority in suspecting the officers of the Indiana district for having disobeyed an order that the miners should return to work in the Hudson mine pending the adjustment of the strike there. This was essentially a reversal of the convention's action a few days ago, in approving the course of President Lewis and the executive board in their general action in this matter, and indicates that the delegates will pass some sections of the organization's interpretation defining the authority of the national government in its relation to the district government.

FRANKLIN, PA., HAS PITTSBURG-LIKE SCANDAL

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 5.—Following a 10-day investigation of charges made against certain officials of the county poor farm and others, the grand jury returned indictments against six persons today. Owing to the prominence of some of the accused and the startling charges made, the matter has caused a sensation.

Dean Clark Will Not Leave.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 5.—The University of Illinois will not allow Stanford university to lure away from the local faculty the dean of the undergraduates, Thomas Arkle Clark, by an offer of more salary. President James yesterday issued a statement that Dean Clark has consented to remain, and this means that he has been promised a large increase. Stanford offered him $4,000.

FATAL FIRE IN AN ORPHANAGE IS BELIEVED TO BE WORK OF INCENDIARY

Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 5.—There is a widespread belief that the fire which destroyed the Haskell memorial orphanage early today, when three children lost their lives and several others were slightly hurt by jumping from the windows, was caused by an incendiary. The orphanage was founded by Mrs. Haskell of South Bend, Ind., as a Seventh Day Adventist institution, but had passed out of the control of the church and has recently been maintained by private subscription.

Have Been Other Cases.

Following the recent schism in the Adventist church, a number of buildings of the denomination have been damaged by fires which have been generally charged to incendiaries.

AMERICAN FLEET SHOWS INCREASE IN BATTLE EFFICIENCY IN GUN TESTS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—An increase in battle efficiency, the greatest yet made during any one year, is the story told by the scores of battleships fleet practice in Manila bay. This, too, although the conditions of the practice last fall were more difficult than heretofore. The improvement with heavy guns was over 100 per cent greater than that of the year before.

These facts are shown by the records of battle practice in Manilla bay, received by Commander Sims, inspector of target practice, by whom they have been tabulated.

The average percentage of hits made by heavy guns was over 50 per cent of the shots fired, and some ships made from 75 to 80 per cent. The increase is rapidity of hitting was considerably over 100 per cent.

The ranges at which the battleships fired were from 6,000 to 9,000 yards, according to the power of their guns. These ranges were unmarked and the ships steamed on a course at a speed of which they were not informed until they opened a sealed envelope just before going on the range.

MAY HALT CHANNEL

Legislature Unlikely to Take Action on Deep Waterway as Result of Court Act.

NO DECISION GIVEN IN TIME

Number of New Bills Presented, One for Codification of School Laws by Landee.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5.—Deep water way legislation probably will not be secured at this session of the general assembly.

Action by the supreme court yesterday in extending time for filing briefs in the navigability suit quite likely means that the legal status of the Desplaines river will not be determined before late in June.

The present session may hold out until that late date, but there was more talk last night of finishing up the business and taking a recess, as was done last year, and because of the same tangle over the deep water way.

Faces Desperate Crisis.

There is some reason to believe that Senator Hopkins will face another desperate crisis in the deadlock next week. Congressman Lorimer and other party leaders who were not in Springfield this week, are expected here next Tuesday, and something definite likely will be determined on respecting the breaking of the deadlock or an attempt to do that.

Senator Hopkins, meanwhile, believes that he will be able ta weather the storm next week. He has told some of his friends that he expects to be re-elected next week, but at this time it does not seem possible. A few of the Hopkins leaders now have the idea that if they get through next week without a general smash-up they can prolong the deadlock indefinitely and keep any other candidate out of the job.

Personnel of Committees.

The personnel of two committees as named by Speaker Shurtleff yesterday is as follows:

Appropriations — Shanahan, chairman; Smejkal, Glade, Dudgeon, Kittelman, Keck, Zinger, Kirkpatrick, McMackin, Behrens, Sollitt, Campbell, Adkins, Hamilton, Lawrence, Fulton, Pervier, Parker, Lewis, York, Ireland, Gillespie, Price, Zipf, Grace, Terrill, Burgett, Staymates, McLaughlin, Cermak, Murray, Allison, English, R. E. Wilson, Geshkewich, Clark, Corcoran, Gorman, J. Groves, Donahue, Kannally, De Wolf, Dillon, Naylor, Etherton, Wheelan.

Judicial Apportionments—Crawford, chairman; Flannings, Stearns, Durfee, Chiperfield, Cliffe, Logan, Bush, Scanlan, McMackin, Behrens, Hollenbeck, Butts, Reynolds, Brownback, Holaday, Robinson, Shaw, Alschuler, Luke, Bolin, Wordell, Abrahams, Espy, Blair, Beckemeyer, Laniz, Browne, H. A. Shepherd.

Measure to Create Chief Examiner.

In the introduction of bills in the senate following the joint session, Senator Samuel A. Ettelson presented the measure drafted after the retirement of Chief Bank Examiner Cassius Jones. This bill seeks to abolish the fee system in bank examination, creating the office of chief examiner with a salary of $3,500 a year.

It is provided that this official shall be allowed to name his assistants, and he and his assistants are prohibited from accepting any emolument, gratuity, or other consideration from the banks and from entering into any business relations with them.

Bill by Landee.

Senator Landee introduced the bill drawn by the commission appointed by the preceding legislature to revise the schools acts, this measure proposing a codification of all school laws. Other bills will be introduced to remedy defects in the school system.

SLATER SISTERS MAY LEAVE CITY

District Court in Davenport Withholds Decision in Unusual Insanity Case for Present.

Judge Barker in the district court in Davenport yesterday afternoon endeavored to secure an adjustment of the unusual insanity case involving the Misses Emma, Martha, Lillie and Mary Slater, and has withheld his decision in the case pending developments that may result in a satisfactory settlement of the case. The judge proposed to have two of the sisters, Mary and Lillie, taken to Mercy hospital for mental and physical treatment, and to allow the other two to remain at home. The sisters rejected this plan, but suggested that the court allow them time to dispose of their home, and permit them to go to Ohio to make their home with relatives who are willing, they said, to take care of them. Judge Barker will decide when an aunt of the women arrives from Ohio. A commission will be appointed to handle their interests in case it is decided to dispose of the property and adopt the suggestion the four sisters offer.

SPECIAL MUSIC A FEATURE

Male Chorus Will Sing at Y. M. C. A. Meeting Sunday Afternoon.

There will be special musical attractions at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon in the form of a male chorus and several instrumental selections. Rev. S. G. Hagglund will deliver the address of the afternoon and will take as his topic the statement "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ." Hope Thompson will address the boys at their regular Sunday afternoon meeting and his talk will be followed by a series of interesting stereopticon views. All the members of the drop-in bible class are being urged to be present if possible Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to renew the interest in the class and to greet the teacher, Mr. Fisher of Sears, who has been away several weeks.

Tomorrow evening there will be a phonograph concert at the association parlors, to which the public is invited. U. G. Simpson will be in charge.

OPTION LOSES IN THE NORTH

County Choice Measure of Anti-Saloonists Defeated in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5.—The anti-saloon league law known as the county option bill was overwhelmingly defeated in the house of representatives yesterday. The vote came on a resolution to adopt a minority report on the matter, which was in favor of the bill, the result of the vote being 44 to 73. The bill was then indefinitely postponed.

Yesterday in Congress

Washington, Feb. 5.—Following is a summary, compiled from the official proceedings, of the work of both houses of congress yesterday:

HOUSE — The forest service got its usual annual drubbing, the criticisms against it coming principally from Mr. Smith of California, Mr. Cook of Colorado and Mr. Mondell of Wyoming, all of whom charged extravagance in administration and the extortion of money from miners, farmers, and even the owners of beehives. Mr. Cook attributed to Mr. Pinchot, the chief forester, the ulterior motive of scheming for Secretary Wilson's seat in the cabinet. Both Mr. Pinchot and the forest service were vigorously defended by Messrs. Mann of Illinois and Weeks of Massachusetts. All attempts to amend the bill in any important particular failed. In consideration was about two-thirds completed when the house at 5:20 p. m. adjourned.

SENATE — The monotonous tones of the reading clerk of the senate as he labored through the bill (of more than 100 pages) making appropriations for the District of Columbia constituted the chief feature in the proceedings of that body. There was an evident intention on the part of the minority to lengthen the time necessary to dispose of the measure, it being the only obstacle to an executive session for the further consideration of the nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C. On the democratic side there was a persistent demand for the most careful reading of the bill, and occasionally members of the minority became involved in a spirited debate on items usually left to the judgment of the committee reporting the measure. When the senate adjourned at 5:18 o'clock, the reading of only half of the bill had been completed.

FREE-FOR-ALL-FIGHT IN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

Zechs and Germans Pummel Each Other With a Will.

BITE, KICK AND STRIKE

Premier Gives Up Effort to Transact Business and Adjourns.

Vienna, Feb. 5.—The present session of the Austrian parliament came to an end this morning after an extraordinary scene of turbulence between Germans and Czechs.

Used Drums and Whistles.

Radical Czechs obstructionists, who have been hindering debate for several days with a continuous din from drums and tin whistles, so exasperated the Germans this morning the opposing deputies came to close quarters and a fierce scrimmage ensued. One of the radical Czech deputies was captured and whipped until he howled for mercy. Another Czech was bitten by a German on the cheek and sustained an ugly wound. Black eyes and sore heads are numerous.

Come Together Again.

The premier, seeing the uselessness of attempting to pass legislation, closed the session. The departure of the ministers was followed by another free fight, in which the opposing factions rushed upon one another to the strains of revolutionary songs and wild confusion reigned for half an hour.

DEATH BLOW FOR RACING ON COAST

California Senate Passes House Bill Making Track Gambling a Felony.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Racing in California received a vital blow when the senate yesterday by a vote of 33 to 7, passed the Walker-Otis anti-race track gambling bill which prohibits pool selling, bookmaking or gambling on horse races. The violation is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary and a heavy fine.

The bill having already passed the assembly, it will not go to the governor for his signature, after which it will become a law. Governor Gillett has signified an intention to sign the measure if passed by both houses.

MEN'S SOCIETY HAS ELECTION

Herman Landack Chosen as Leader by German Lutherans.

The young men's society of the German Lutheran church last night elected the following officers to serve for one year:

President—Herman Landack.
Vice President—Walter Fude.
Recording Secretary—Fred Kruse.
Financial Secretary—Charles Kutz.
Treasurer—Ralph Fude.

MOLINER STRUCK BY TRAIN

John Schaum Seriously Injured and May Die.

John Schaum of Moline was struck by a Burlington train this morning at the First street crossing in Moline and seriously injured. He was taken to the hospital where it is feared that he will not live.

"Drys" Overcome Tennessee Veto.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 5.—The bill prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in this state was passed over the governor's veto in the house by a vote of 59 to 37. The law goes into effect Jan. 1, 1910.

Attorney General Dead.

Marietta, Ga., Feb. 5.—Howard Van Wyke, former attorney general of Wisconsin, died here yesterday of dropsy.

COLD WAVE ON WAY TO ARRIVE EARLY IN WEEK

Washington, Feb. 5.—"Cold wave coming" flashed the weather bureau today in an official warning. The present period of mild weather, according to the bureau, will be followed by a cold wave that will appear in the northwest Sunday or Monday and advance over the central valleys and lake region Monday and Tuesday.