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## STARTER FOR JEFF DAVIS

ARKANSAS SENATOR WILL INTRODUCE DRASTIC BILL

## TO KILL ALL THE TRUSTS

He Says They Are All Bad and He Will Destroy Them

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Jeffrey Davis of Arkansas, who recently was quoted as saying that he would make a speech the first day after his admission to the senate, failed to keep his word exactly, but he gave notice today that he would speak on the 11th instant on a bill which he presented, providing for the abolishment of trusts, pools, etc.

Speaking of this bill, Senator Davis said today that it was the most drastic ever presented in the senate on that line. It absolutely prohibits any domestic corporation that shall enter into a trust from doing business in any part of the United States and prohibits all foreign corporations from doing any business at all in this country. The penalty fixed for each violation of the proposed law is \$5,000 fine and from five to twenty-one years imprisonment, each day of the continuance of the relationship to a trust constituting a separate offense. The bill provides that money paid for trust goods can be recovered, and that no collection of trust goods sold on credit shall be enforced.

"The proposition is whether trusts are good or bad. I say they are bad and propose to destroy them," said Mr. Davis.

## TO INJECT ELASTICITY

But Not Increase the Bulk of Paper Money, Will be Purpose of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The newly appointed house committee on banking and currency held its first meeting today, spending two and one-half hours in discussing the currency in several of its phases. At the conclusion of the meeting several of the members stated that as a result of the conference the members of the committee were now nearer together than they ever had been before, notwithstanding the same men—with the exception of three—composed the committee during the Fifty-ninth congress.

The only definite action taken at the initial meeting was the authorizing of the chair to appoint a subcommittee of five to draft and submit a currency bill to correct the present financial situation.

There will be no hearing before the committee until the subcommittee has finished its task and the completed draft is in the hands of the chairman. The recurrence of two phases of currency discussion marked the conference. They were: The creation of elasticity in the currency and the disposition of reserve balances in national banks. The committee was apparently agreed that it will sanction no move to increase the bulk of paper money, but will confine itself to the consideration of the best means of injecting elasticity. The plan of providing for the issuance of national bank credit notes, which can be instantly drawn into circulation when general conditions require an increased currency, and retirement as promptly when the need has passed, was presented and discussed at some length.

## Knox Boom Wakes Up.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The boom of Senator Pifflander C. Knox of Pennsylvania for the presidency was formally launched at a notable banquet in this city tonight when the Pennsylvania Republican congressional delegation placed itself squarely on record in favor of the Pennsylvania senator as President Roosevelt's suc-

TREED!



—Macaulay in New York World.

## SOUTHERN RAILROAD WINS

Decision of Superior Court Imposing \$30,000 Fine Reversed by Supreme Court.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—The state supreme court in a decision handed down this evening reversed Judge Long of the superior court in the matter of a \$30,000 fine imposed on the Southern Railway Company for selling passenger tickets at a rate in excess of 2 1/4 cents, the state rate. At the same time the opinion affirms the act of the court, and the constitutionality of the legislative action in prescribing punishment of agents and officials of the road for selling tickets at an excess rate, the bringing of penalty suits of \$500, each by individuals against the corporation for violating the law, and holding that the federal court has no authority to issue an injunction against the railroad suits, criminal or civil against the railroad, as it would in thus enjoining a criminal action be bringing a suit against the state, which is forbidden by the United States law as the act of the legislature was self-operating as to passenger fares and required no action on the part of the state officials.

## MARION COUNTY KILLING.

John S. O'Neill Shot S. J. McClendon to Death. Slayer in Jail.

(Ocala Star.)

A killing took place at Belleview last evening, which, unless reports are incorrect, was cold-blooded murder. John O'Neill, a young white man, who has been clerking for Mr. C. A. Tremere until a few days since, had some words with Mr. S. P. McClendon, also a young white man, in front of the store of McGehee & Mayo. Friends separated them. Afterwards, it is reported, young O'Neill returned with a gun and deliberately shot McClendon through the heart, killing him instantly. O'Neill left for parts unknown and up until this morning had not been arrested, although the sheriff and his deputies are looking for him. Mr. McClendon was about thirty years of age and had lived at Belleview nearly all of his life. Both men are single.

Deputy Sheriff W. E. Hutson returned this noon from Belleview and brought with him Jno. S. O'Neill, the slayer of Simeon McClendon. There is great feeling in Belleview over this affair. It seems O'Neill was in town yesterday, got under the influence of liquor, went home and was quarrelsome, out of which his troubles with McClendon arose.

## UNFORTUNATE NEGRO GIRL

Brutally Assaulted and Murdered by Unknown Party in Jacksonville.

(Times-Union.)

Marie Chase, a 16-year-old negro girl, was assaulted and murdered by an unknown party between 5 and 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, but nothing was known of the terrible crime until yesterday morning when the body was discovered by workmen. The girl had been employed as a servant by Mrs. M. H. Dancy, 432 East Monroe street for several years, and Tuesday afternoon, shortly after 5 o'clock, she left her work to go home. No more was seen of her until yesterday morning when her body was found in a clump of bushes near the old F. and J. tracks and Union street. Tuesday night when the girl did not arrive at the home of her mother, Laura Chase, 1457 Evergreen avenue, the police were notified that she was missing, but at that time no one suspected foul play. A searching party was formed by negroes living in the neighborhood and they passed the very spot where the body was found yesterday morning.

## The Body Found.

It was shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning when workmen, en route to their work, found the body in the bushes. J. J. Purcell at once went to police headquarters and notified the authorities and in a short time Lieut. Morgan, with several policemen and the county authorities were on the scene. It was seen from the surroundings that the girl had put up a strong fight for her life. The bushes had been trampled down and most of her clothing had been torn off. One of her shoes was found by Lieut. Roach several feet from where her body was lying.

## Justice Howell Notified.

Justice of the Peace L. D. Howell, in whose district the assault and murder occurred, was notified, and visiting the scene he impaneled a coroner's jury, which, after viewing the body, adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, when they will meet in Justice Howell's office and hear what evidence there is in connection with the case. The girl had been choked to death and the finger prints of her assailant were fresh on her throat. There was absolutely no clue as to who committed the terrible crime, and the authorities were at sea as to where to begin on the case. One old negro woman, living near where the body was found, stated that she heard a girl scream, Tuesday afternoon, but beyond that she could tell

## SOIL EXPERTS GOING

To Southern States to Engage in Soil Surveying.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture will concentrate the energies of its field force of experts in soil surveying in the Southern States throughout the coming winter. Already work has been commenced in Alabama, where \$10,000 was appropriated by the last legislature for a comprehensive survey, and similar work will be prosecuted in Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

Soil survey will be immediately undertaken in Autauga, Baldwin, Bibb, Henry and Lamar counties, Alabama. In some of these, work has been going on since October 1. In Georgia, Thomas and Grady counties will be gone over, particularly with a view of determining the adaptability of the soil to the growth of Cuban filler and wrapper leaf tobacco. In Louisiana, along the Yazoo bottom, three parish surveys are in contemplation. Holmes and Monroe counties are on the list for similar reconnaissance in Mississippi. Surveys are also projected in the first Texas Congressional district, near Mt. Pleasant, and also along the Gulf Coast, in the vicinity of Corpus Christi.

## Ex-State Senator Dead.

Barlow, Fla., Dec. 4.—News has just been received here of the death in San Francisco, Cal., of former State Senator C. C. Wilson, a resident of this city.

Three weeks ago, accompanied by his wife and Dr. F. M. Wilson, Mr. Wilson left here for San Francisco to enter a sanitarium for treatment, and the news of his death came as a great shock to his many friends here.

Horsecars are so called because they are drawn by horses, yet no amount of horse hauling could make the ordinary radish a horse radish.

Money paid to a ferryman is terriage, but money paid to a cabman is not cabbage.—Chicago News.

nothing. It was one of the boldest crimes that has been committed in Duval county in many years, and the officers are working hard to apprehend the guilty party. Sheriff Bowden has personally offered a reward of \$50 for any information that will lead to the arrest of the guilty man.

## MR. WILLIAMS WINS OUT

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SUPPORTS HIM OVERWHELMINGLY

## IN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Lamar, of Florida, and Three Others Vote Against Him

Washington, Dec. 4.—By a vote of 124 to 4, the house Democratic caucus tonight voted down the proposition of Representative Jones of Virginia to take the designation of minority members of the committees out of the hands of the minority leader, Williams, and by the same vote adopted a resolution affirmatively placing the power in Mr. Williams.

Mr. Carlin of Virginia, Mr. Jones' colleague, offered as a substitute the following resolution. "That it is the sense of this caucus that the minority leader be requested, authorized and instructed to nominate minority members for assignment to committees." Mr. Carlin, Mr. Henry of Texas, Mr. Burgess of Texas, Mr. Burleson of Texas and Mr. James of Kentucky were among those who spoke against the Jones resolution. The substitute, directing the minority leader to nominate committee men was adopted by a vote of 124 to 4. Those who voted negatively were: Jones of Virginia, Lamar of Florida, Sladen of Texas and Hardwick of Georgia.

## A GREAT CONVENTION MEETS

Nearly 2000 Delegates to Promote Cause of Improving American Waterways.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Prominent officials of the national government, governors of states, representatives of foreign countries, members of the senate and house of representatives and leaders in all walks of civil life in America, participated today in the opening of the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Nearly 2,000 delegates, representing every state in the Union, were present. It is not expected that any definite concrete action in promotion of the projects advocated by the congress will be taken, but it is hoped that the work of the convention will so impress the national congress now in session, as to induce it to make adequate plans for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country. It is desired of the delegates to secure such action by the congress of the United States as will promote the trade and commerce of America. It is not a special project that the convention has in view, but the adoption of a policy by the government looking to the extension of the transportation facilities of the United States. On behalf of the national administration, Mr. Elibu Root, secretary of state, extended to the congress hearty sympathy in the work which it has undertaken and gave assurance of the support of the administration in the conclusions arrived at by the delegates.

## Received by The Emperor.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Secretary Taft was received in audience today by Emperor Nicholas at Tsarkoe-Selo and received from his majesty the frankest expression of Russia's sentiments of sympathy and regard for the United States. The emperor requested Mr. Taft to convey to President Roosevelt his greetings.

The secretary spent about five hours in company with the emperor and enjoyed the honor of a long and intimate conversation regarding the situation in the United States.

## The Difference.

"I find I can wear my last year's overcoat again," chirped the optimist.

"I find I'll have to," growled the pessimist.—Louisville Courier-Journal.