



An Associated Press dispatch from Washington follows: "A bitter attack on the rules and power of the speaker were made in the house of representatives today by Mr. Nelson, of Wisconsin, republican, who said the power of the house was merged in the speaker. 'He is the house,' he exclaimed amid democratic applause. He charged that the business of the country was not dispatched speedily, economically or considerately. He did not believe, he said, in partisanship. 'I am speaking,' he said, 'of principles and not of men.' It was intended, he said, that the speaker should only be a mere moderator in according the representatives of the people their just rights and in securing a square deal. But now, he said, the speaker overrules ruthlessly the rights of his opponents and his own associates as well. The minority, he declared, were not only speechless, but absolutely helpless and as for the majority members, they have to obey the will of the speaker. At times, he added, they would break away, but not for long because they were brought back under the power of the speaker's spell. He said that many of the president's policies were important, but they were no more important than parliamentary reforms in the hour."

George D. Wise, who served two terms in congress, died at his home in Richmond, Va., aged seventy-two years.

A New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "Charles W. Morse, organizer of the ice combine and of the Consolidated Steamship company, and a few months ago regarded as one of the greatest financiers in America, has disappeared. His creditors today attached all his property in this city, including his residence at 28 Fifth avenue, in a suit for \$243,321 begun by Charles A. Hanna, national bank examiner, as receiver of the National Bank of North America, which Morse controlled. In the papers on which the attachment was granted it was stated that Morse had left for Europe within the last few days. A judgment by default for \$155,753 in another suit also was entered against him today. Morse was later located by cable and immediately started back home. He says he merely left for Europe for a short rest.

President Roosevelt has suspended Public Printer Charles A. Stillings, owing to the charges as to the increased cost of operating the government printing office.

Senator Stone of Missouri has introduced this resolution: "The president is requested on the 10th day of December, 1913—that is to say, fifteen years after the date of the treaty of Paris—to deliver the control and possession of the Philippine islands to the authorities representing the people thereof, including also all government property therein pertaining to the administration of such government and withdraw therefrom immediately thereafter the army and navy of the United States. Provided, however, that the United States shall retain such suitable coaling and naval

stations as in the judgment of the president may seem necessary."

A dispatch from Helena, Mont., says: "Governor Joseph K. Toole resigned today, the resignation to take effect April 1. His term does not expire until March 4, 1909. Joseph K. Toole was elected governor of Montana in 1896 and was re-elected in 1900 and 1904. He is a democrat. He will be succeeded by Edwin Norris, of Dillon. Poor health is generally accepted as the reason for the resignation."

Mr. Bryan spoke at Jersey City, N. J., and referring to his meeting an Associated Press dispatch says: "An enthusiastic reception was accorded William J. Bryan at the Majestic theatre this afternoon. He was introduced as 'the next president of the United States' which evoked applause from the large audience."

A Fremont, Neb., dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald follows: "Fremont democrats met tonight and organized the Bryan Volunteers. The meeting was largely attended and was marked by enthusiasm and confidence. These officers of the club were chosen: President, James Milliken; secretary, John H. Buer; treasurer, James A. Donahue. Dan V. Stephens made an appeal to the club to get down to business and show what the democrats of Fremont could do. He passed around pledge cards and the members subscribed for the expense fund liberally. Editor Richmond of the Fremont Herald, and Prof. N. W. Preston made ringing addresses, which evoked great enthusiasm."

THE-FIRST IN KANSAS

The Topeka Capitol prints under date of Marion, Kansas, February 1, the following:

"The first county convention in Kansas to elect delegates and alternates to the Hutchinson state convention assembled in the court house at Marion this afternoon. Every section of the county was represented.

"The following resolution of instructions was unanimously adopted: 'Resolved, That the delegates and alternates by this convention elected to represent the democrats of Marion county at the state convention to be held at Hutchinson, Kan., February 21, 1908, are hereby instructed to vote for delegates and alternates to the national convention to be held at Denver, Colo., July 7, 1908, who are favorable to, and instructed to vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan, as the democratic candidate for president, and are further instructed to vote for J. G. Johnson of this county as the Kansas member of the democratic national committee.'

GUARANTEED BANKS

"Modern Mexico" the weekly edition of the Mexican Herald published at the City of Mexico, in an editorial relating to Mexican finances says: "The question arises then, seeing that the encouragement of habits of popular thrift is a great desideratum, whether the government might not, under certain conditions and within carefully defined limits, lend itself to a scheme of public guaranty of bank deposits, advocated, we believe, in the United States by Mr. Bryan."

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

Professor McMillan Brown, ethnologist, holds that the future Australian people will, in all probability, be black.

Ants are really very long lived, considering their minuteness. A naturalist had two queens under observation for ten years and one of Sir John Lubbock's ant pets lived into her fifteenth year.

Ivy growing over the walls of a house renders the structure cool in summer and warm in winter. It also keeps the walls dry. It is, however, very destructive to woodwork, forcing the joints apart.

Most of the stone marbles used by boys are made in Germany. The refuse only of the marble and agate quarries is employed, and this is treated in such a way that there is practically no waste.

The old headgear which Geronimo, the Indian chief, wore in his last battle with General Miles has been bought by Robert W. Wells of Washington, and will be given to the Smithsonian Institution.

Mercury has a year of eighty-eight of our days; Venus one of 229.7 days; Mars' year is 687 days, while that of Neptune is 60,127.7 days. No earth man could hope to reach the age of a year if he lived in Neptune.

The amount of water daily lifted from the waters of the world by evaporation is about 510 cubic miles, and the average amount of rain which falls on the surface of the globe during a year is sixty inches.

M. Antoine Charette, a clever young chemist of Paris, has informed the Academy of Science in that city that he has succeeded in producing by artificial means crystals of large size having all the characteristics of diamonds.

Emperor William has conferred on Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the German Ambassador at Constantinople, who was head of the delegation of German Order of the Black Eagle, the highest Prussian decoration in recognition of his services at The Hague.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

'Twas COMMERCIAL LOVE

The manager of the big department store stood stockstill outside the telephone booth. Within the chamber he could hear Miss Jones, the stenographer, speaking; and this is a scrap of the conversation the scandalized man overheard:

"I love you, dear, and only you! I'm weeping my heart away! Yes, my darling, speak to me once more! I love you, dear—I love you so!"

The young woman rang off, and

stepped out of the cabinet to confront the angry manager.

"Miss Jones," he said, "that telephone has been fixed where it is for the purpose of convenience in conducting business, and not for love-making in office hours. I am surprised at you. Don't let it occur again!"

The young woman froze him with a glance. "I was ordering some new songs from the publishers for No. 3 department," she explained icily.—Human Life.

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