

WASHINGTON NEWS

President Taft sent to the senate for confirmation the re-appointment of Edgar E. Clark of Iowa, as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

The United States senate sat at the impeachment in the proceedings brought against Robert W. Archbald, judge of the United States court of commerce.

Representative Clayton of Alabama presented the charges for the house of representatives. The charge against Judge Archbald arose in connection with private and official acts both as a judge of the court of commerce and as United States district judge for middle Pennsylvania. He was impeached by the house of representatives after a full investigation of the facts by the department of justice, and extended hearings before the house judiciary committee.

The managers appointed by the house to prosecute the case before the senate asked for an immediate trial last August, but the senate declined to hasten its consideration of the case. During the last week scores of subpoenas were issued for witnesses who will be brought before the senate by the house managers and by Judge Archbald's attorneys in connection with the trial.

After the house committee on judiciary had concluded its hearings last spring it recommended that Judge Archbald be called before the senate under impeachment proceedings. The last time the house had exercised its impeachment powers was in 1904 when Judge Swane, United States judge for the northern district of Florida, was called to account for misconduct and was acquitted by the senate. The house of representatives on July 11, 1912, adopted articles of impeachment by a vote of 222 to 1 and a committee headed by Representative Clayton of Alabama was chosen to act as the managers on the part of the house to try the case before the senate. The house managers urged the senate to grant an immediate trial, but that body declined to hear the case before the end of the last session.

Thirteen separate articles constitute the basis for the impeachment trial. These embrace dealings between Judge Archbald and railroad officials and others in regard to Pennsylvania coal or "culm" dumps and coal lands; contributions by attorneys and others to the judge's vacation trip to Europe in 1910; reputed secret correspondence by the judge with a railroad attorney concerning a pending case; and alleged attempts to have notes payable to Judge Archbald discounted by attorneys and litigants before his court.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, in his annual report urged in effect the Aldrich currency bill. He said we would have to have a new financial system or else we would have a panic.

Mr. Taft's last annual message was devoted to foreign relations. The striking features of the message are described by the Associated Press in this way:

A note of warning to European powers which by indirect means continue to discriminate against American trade; a strong appeal to the congress to uplift the great foreign policies of America above mere questions of partnership; a vindication of the diplomacy of the administration, which is characterized as that of "dollars versus bullets;" a pride in the enormous expansion of Ameri-

can trade as a result of the foreign policies of his administration; and an appeal for joint action by congress and the executive to open new markets for American industries.

The message is the first of a series of such communications which he will make to congress in the early days of the session, and deals entirely with the foreign relations of the United States. Beginning with the usual reference to the existing good relations with foreign powers, the president adds that these have been strengthened by "a greater insistence upon justice to American citizens, or interests, wherever it may have been denied, and a stronger emphasis of the need of mutuality in commercial and other relations."

A joint congressional inauguration committee would be authorized by a resolution adopted by the senate at the instance of Senator Overman of North Carolina, providing for the appointment of three members of the senate and the same number from the house of representatives to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Wilson on March 4. The resolution has not yet been acted upon by the house.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The common towel was ordered banished from railroad cars, vessels and all other interstate vehicles and from stations, by Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury department in an amendment to the interstate quarantine regulations. This action follows closely the abolition of the common drinking cup from use on interstate carriers. Towels may be used again only after being sterilized in boiling water.

President Taft's plans for a trip to Panama advanced to a point where December 19 was tentatively selected as the date of starting. It was understood here that Mr. Taft's intention to visit the isthmus before he goes out of office was influenced partly at least by President-elect Wilson's decision not to do so.

Under the new Panama canal law, the president is charged with the responsibility of putting into effect the new government for the canal zone. It is understood Mr. Taft would have been glad if Mr. Wilson had determined to make a trip to the canal and perfect the new government after he came into office, with a personal inspection of conditions there to assist him. It is now possible that President Taft, before he goes out of office, will do it himself.

The democratic national committee has filed its final statement. This shows that the cost of the Wilson-Marshall campaign was \$1,159,446. An Associated Press report says:

Charles R. Crane of Chicago was the heaviest contributor with \$40,000, closely pressed by Cleveland H. Dodge of New York, \$35,000 and Herman Ridder of New York, ex-treasurer of funds, collected \$30,073.

The total of \$1,110,952 contributions received by the committee came from 89,854 separate contributions, all of which were in amounts less than \$100, except 1,162.

William J. Bryan gave \$1,000, as did David R. Francis, former secretary of the interior; Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of Boston, Senators Newlands of Nevada and O'Gorman of New York. Senator Watson of West Virginia contributed \$7,509 and Governor Foss of Massachusetts, For-

mer Senator William A. Clark of Montana and Roger Sullivan of Chicago gave \$5,000 each.

George Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad gave \$1,000; B. F. Yoakum, New York, \$2,500; and Former Mayor J. D. Phelan of San Francisco, \$2,000.

John Barton Payne of Chicago put \$15,000 into the committee's chests, Judge J. G. Girard, New York, \$13,000; Jacob H. Schiff and B. M. Baruch of New York, \$12,500 each.

The \$10,000 contributors were Charles S. Guggenheimer, Samuel Untermyer, James Speyer, Jacob Ruppert, Henry Goldman, Henry Morgenthau, all of New York; F. C. Penfield, Cincinnati; Thomas D. Jones, David B. Jones, B. M. Winston, all of Chicago, and Hugh C. Wallace, Tacoma, Wash.

W. R. Craig, New York, gave \$9,000; G. F. S. Peabody of Chicago, \$6,450, and J. C. Mayo of Kentucky, and W. C. Bear of Yonkers, N. Y., \$6,000 each.

The \$5,000 contributors were Rolla Wells, St. Louis; W. R. Rust, Tacoma, Wash.; F. B. Lynch, St. Paul; W. A. Gaston and H. D. Nawn of Boston; J. M. Camden, Versailles, Ky.; Charles Smith, Menasha, Wis., and C. A. Spreckles, C. Harris, E. A. Swift, John D. Saules, Nathan Straus and John D. Ryan, all of New York.

Retirement of the president of the United States as commander-in-chief of the army at \$10,000 was proposed in a bill by Senator McCumber. It also will pension widows of former presidents, while they remain unmarried, at \$5,000 a year.

President Taft will appoint Dr. Carl Alsberg, a chemist in the agricultural department, to succeed Dr. Wiley.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The United States supreme court today upheld the following: The constitutionality of the New York state "Junk Dealers'" law; the constitutionality of the South Dakota anti-monopoly, or "unfair discrimination" act of 1907; the section of the immigration act of 1907, authorizing the government to deport women who become undesirable inhabitants within three years of the time of their arrival; the decision of the Mississippi supreme court that under the Mississippi prohibition law a contract for the sale in that state of the beverage "poinsetta" could not be enforced.

The court reaffirmed its decision that the Kansas corporation law, closing Kansas state courts to foreign corporations without a certificate to do business in the state, was unconstitutional.

The decision in the South Dakota case makes it a crime to sell, with intent to ruin competition, a commodity in general use to a dealer in one place at a lower rate than to another dealer at a different place within the state.

President Taft sent another message to congress, the principal recommendations of which are described in a dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald, as follows:

The plan of currency reform outlined by the monetary commission.

Amendment of the law to lessen the penalty when corporations inadvertently disobey the corporation law.

Congressional approval of plan of army reorganization prepared by the war college last spring.

The passage of the militia pay bill increasing compensation to militia in the field.

Citizenship, without statehood, for Porto Rico.

Regulation of water power grants so that navigable streams might be improved by water power companies.

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