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## ELASTIC CURRENCY

### BANKERS' CONFERENCE FINISHES ITS LABOR AT WASHINGTON.

#### Will Ask Congress to Consider Six Provisions Regulating Emergency Currency for Use in Times of Great Need—Guaranty Fund.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The plan of currency reform agreed upon by the committees of the American Bankers' association and the New York Chamber of Commerce, upon which they have been at work for four days, was made public. The committee of the bankers' association was made up of representative financial men from all over the United States. The conclusions reached were unanimous and will be submitted in the form of a report to members of the American Bankers' association. Before adjourning finally a committee was appointed, consisting of A. B. Hepburn of New York; James B. Forgan of Chicago and John L. Hamilton of Hoopeston, Ill., to whom was intrusted the drafting of a bill for presentation to congress, which will embody the ideas expressed in the statement made public by the committee of bankers. The plan agreed upon by the two committees contemplates the issue under government supervision of credit bank notes by national banks equal to 40 per cent of their bond-secured circulation, subject to a tax of 2 1/2 per cent per annum; an automatic increase of credit notes under certain conditions; a further issue of credit notes equal to 12 1/2 per cent of a bank's capital at a tax of 5 per cent per annum; the establishment of a guarantee fund for the redemption of credit notes of failed banks; provision for active daily redemption of credit notes; repealing existing law limiting the retirement of bond-secured notes to \$3,000,000 per month, and the deposit of all public moneys above reasonable working balances in national banks without collateral security, on which the banks are to pay 2 per cent.

### PRESIDENT ON WAY HOME

#### Chief Executive is Pleased With Work on the Big Ditch.

Colon, Nov. 19.—President Roosevelt and his party sailed for Ponce, P. R., on board the United States battleship Louisiana.

When President Roosevelt reached pier No. 11, where there was an enthusiastic gathering of at least 800 persons, principally canal employes at Cristobal and other points along the line. Here the president ascended the bandstand and made a thirty-minute speech. In giving his impressions of the work on the canal, he said he was pleased with what had already been done and paid his respects to those who had criticized the work.

"How about Poultney Bigelow?" came from among the auditors.

With much deliberation the president remarked that in every large work there was always some one to find something that was done as it should not have been, but the employes should on no account pay attention to such criticisms, as the critics would sink out of sight, while the work the men were doing and had done will remain long after all criticism had been forgotten. President Roosevelt said also he was so impressed with the magnitude and greatness of this work that he would like to see one of his sons engaged therein. He congratulated all the heads of departments on the work being done, and with especial warmth he congratulated Captain George R. Shanton on his success in maintaining order in the canal zone and in perfecting the splendid police force under his control. In conclusion, the president said he would like to remain longer on the isthmus, but that it was necessary for him to get back to his work in the United States.

### MOODY STARTS OIL SUIT

#### Petition in Equity is Filed in Circuit Court at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 16.—Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul, by direction of Attorney General Moody, instituted proceedings against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, under the Sherman anti-trust act, by filing in the United States circuit court a petition in equity against it and its seventy constituent corporations and partnerships and seven individual defendants, asking that the combination be declared unlawful and in the future enjoined from entering into any contract or combination in restraint of trade. The defendants now have one month in which to enter their ap-

pearance and an additional month in which to file their answer. They also have the option of filing a demurrer to the bill.

Following the filing of the government's petition an order was applied for before Judges Sanborn and Adams of the United States circuit court of appeals to bring non-resident defendants into the jurisdiction of the district court at St. Louis to serve them with subpoenas. It is considered probable that a special commissioner will be appointed to take the evidence in the case and that he will certify the record to the United States circuit court of appeals, as was done in the Northern Securities case.

### Floods in Washington Subsiding.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 19.—With the rapid subsidence of the floods in western Washington, it is found that the general loss is nominal and the entire country is rapidly regaining its usually thriving and prosperous appearance. The transcontinental service is now complete, being made by boat and

### Seeks Pardon for Mrs. Lillie.

Lincoln, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Lillie, mother of Harvey Lillie, for whose murder Mrs. Harvey Lillie is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, called upon Governor Mickey and asked for a pardon for her daughter-in-law. Mrs. Lillie furnished evidence to the governor which she believed was of sufficient importance to prove the convicted woman innocent of the murder.

### Escape Death on Track.

Millard, Neb., Nov. 20.—John Rohe and G. Westphalen, two building carpenters, were driving across the Union Pacific track at Link crossing, a mile west of town, when their rig was struck by a train. The horse was killed, the buggy and harness torn to pieces, but the men escaped with a few bruises. Rohe was thrown sixteen feet and Westphalen ten feet, but they alighted safely.

### Blood Poison From Dead Man's Blood.

Tecumseh, Neb., Nov. 19.—John Gottula, a German farmer residing near Elk Creek, is suffering with blood poisoning. At the time of the terrible storm in September, when three men were killed, Mr. Gottula was assisting the undertaker with the care of one of the bodies, that of Charles Seeman. Mr. Gottula had mopped some blood from the floor after the corpse had been embalmed. He had a small wound on the thumb and in wringing out the mop, got the poison. The thumb has been amputated in the hope to check the poison, but the surgeons may decide to take off his arm.

### POINTERS ABOUT MESSAGE.

#### Some Things Governor is Likely to Call to Attention of Legislators.

Lincoln, Nov. 16.—Recommendations that the university levy be cut down to one-half mill from 1 mill; that the big contracts let by the state board of public lands and buildings be investigated; that the management of the state university be investigated with a view to putting this institution on a more business-like basis; suggestions regarding the carrying out of the pledges in the Republican state platforms—these are some of the things which Governor Mickey is said to be contemplating for his biennial message to the next legislature.

### CATTLEMEN LOSE ONE POINT

#### Richards and Comstock Fail to Show Tilden's Incumbency Illegal.

Omaha, Nov. 20.—In the Richards and Comstock case the plea in abatement, which alleged that the federal grand jury which indicted the cattlemen was illegally drawn, was ruled upon by Judge Munger. He overruled the plea upon the ground that no specific grounds were set forth in the plea to show prejudice in the drawing of the jury, and, further, that the plea was not filed at the proper time.

When the plea in abatement had been disposed of the argument on the motion to quash the indictment was resumed, with J. W. Woodrough, counsel for the defense, attacking the sufficiency of the indictment.

His chief contention was that the bill fails to charge the means by which it was sought to defraud the government of its public lands. Mr. Woodrough maintained that the charge of "false, fictitious and fraudulent entries" does not disclose any conspiracy, and therefore does not show the defendants what they are called upon to answer.

### RAILROAD BATTLE FOR EMPIRE

#### Harriman, Hill and Gould Fight for Supremacy in the West.

Omaha, Nov. 19.—For the railroad supremacy of the west the moneyed kings of the country are today waging one of the most interesting fights ever witnessed by a public, which is immensely interested. Hill and Harriman and Gould, with the vast fortunes of Clark and the Armours and the Rockefellers and their crowds pouring millions into the work which is soon to yield millions in return, are the central figures in the battle for the control of the situation in the vast agricultural west, and for the transcontinental business which all still

reckon on in spite of the construction of the Panama canal.

With Hill building or planning to build lines from Guernsey to Salt Lake and up the North Platte Valley, and from Frannie to Thermopolis and feeders out of Cheyenne and immense work around Lincoln and Ashland, and with a line just finished from Sioux City to Ashland, the Northwestern building from Pierre to Rapid City and having just finished a line from Casper to Lander, with intentions of extending to Salt Lake; with the Union Pacific talking of a line from Wolcott to the northwest in competition with the Encampment road, and with the Milwaukee and Western Pacific building to the coast, the railroad map is sure to be somewhat changed within the next year.

### DR. CRAPSEY IS SUSPENDED.

#### Court of Review Sustains Decision of Court, Finding Clergyman Guilty.

Buffalo, Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey of St. Andrews' Episcopal church, Rochester, is condemned to suspension from the church as a result of the decision of the ecclesiastical court of review, which is made public. The court of review sustains the decision of the lower court, which was that Dr. Crapsey should be suspended for heretical teachings.

The announcement of the decision was made as follows: "The court of review has affirmed unanimously the decision of the lower court in the case of Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey."

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

### Will Not Remarry Divorcees.

Omaha, Nov. 19.—All but four of the Episcopal clergymen of the Nebraska diocese have signed an agreement not to remarry divorcees.

### Greely to Hear Utes' Woes.

Omaha, Nov. 17.—General A. W. Greely left Omaha for Fort Meade to confer with the Ute Indians regarding their grievances and the means of quieting them.

### Girl of Fourteen is Missing.

Waterloo, Neb., Nov. 19.—A young girl of this place, fourteen years old, Viola Ayres by name, left home last week and has not been heard from since. Her cap, a light jacket and parasol, with fur boa wrapped about them, were found on the wagon bridge over the Elkhorn river. The suicide theory is not generally accepted, however.

### Engine Strikes Street Car.

Omaha, Nov. 17.—Every person aboard a Hanacom park car was injured in a collision with a Missouri Pacific freight train at the Belt line crossing. The car was struck by the locomotive as it was crossing the tracks and badly demolished. The rear trucks were torn off and carried thirty feet up the railroad track. The crew and three passengers were those injured.

### Alexander Troup Visits Bryan.

Lincoln, Nov. 19.—Alexander Troup of New Haven, Conn., who was prominent at the recent meeting of the New England Democratic Progressive league, at Boston, at which Democratic presidential possibilities were discussed, arrived in Lincoln to tell W. J. Bryan about that meeting. Neither Mr. Troup nor Mr. Bryan would say the Boston gathering had any particular candidate in view.

### Cracksmen Loot Two Safes.

Broken Bow, Neb., 20.—Two safes in the town of Callaway were blown open by explosives and \$300 secured in the aggregate. The safes looted were those in the Union Pacific depot and in Hilton & Roberts' dry goods store. The cracksmen escaped, but two men supposed to be the robbers were seen by a farmer some miles out in the country. Sheriff Richardson, with a posse, is following them.

### Wallage Faces Murder Charge.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 19.—J. F. Wallage, who was first complained against on the charge of manslaughter, as a result of his killing W. W. Hills, is now compelled to face a more serious charge. The third degree murder charge has been abandoned and a complaint filed charging him with murder in the first degree. After the preliminary hearing the liveryman was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000. In the district court, when arraigned on the more serious charge, the bail became void and Wallage is again confined in the county jail.

### LAUGH IS ON "COWBOY MAYOR"

#### "Jim" Dahlman of Omaha Tries to Pardon a State Prisoner.

Omaha, Nov. 21.—"Jim" Dahlman's, Omaha's "cowboy mayor," excessive zeal in pardoning prisoners has made him the subject of much ridicule through his attempt to release from the county jail a state prisoner. The mayor, under law, has the right to pardon prisoners held under city ordinances, and Dahlman, since he came into office six months ago, has been exercising his prerogative with un-

usual freedom. But when he ordered the release of a prisoner from the county jail the sheriff returned the order with the sarcastic inquiry: "Do you think you are governor of Nebraska?"

### FEAR OF LAW STOPS UNION.

#### Implement Men Do Not Consolidate, Lest They Be Treated as Trust.

Omaha, Nov. 16.—Not for a year, at least, will there be a consolidation of the South Platte and the Nebraska and Western Iowa associations of implement dealers. The rock on which the consolidation ship was wrecked was the question of uniform prices, the North Platte men refusing to adopt the schedule of the others, fearing prosecution as a trust.

The plan for union will not be dropped. A committee was appointed to meet the South Platte dealers at their next convention and continue negotiations.

The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Newell of Lynch; vice president, L. P. Byars of Valley; secretary, J. D. Ringer of South Omaha; treasurer, G. A. Wagner of Omaha.

### NEW STATE APPOINTMENTS.

#### Croft Succeeds Frank Fittle—McBrien and Junkin Name Clerks.

Lincoln, Nov. 21.—Land Commissioner Eaton appointed A. J. Croft of Davenport chief in his office to succeed Frank Fittle, who resigned. Mr. Croft is an old friend of the land commissioner and is at present in the drug business.

Treasurer-elect Brian announced the appointment of Miss Bessie Marks, stenographer, to take the place of Miss Laura Maylor, who has held this position for the last six years. Miss Marks is at present working in Superintendent McBrien's office.

Secretary of State-elect Junkin announced the appointment of Mrs. Harriet Fletcher to some position in his office, but just whether she will be recording clerk or stenographer, he said he had not decided.

### GILLETTE MURDER TRIAL

#### Fathetic Love Letters of Dead Woman Read in Court.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 21.—In the trial of Chester Gillette for the murder of Grace Brown, his sweetheart, District Attorney Ward took up the thread of his story at the home of the Brown family in South Otsego, where the girl spent the three weeks preceding her clandestine departure with Gillette for the Adirondacks.

The district attorney had just finished the letters that passed between Grace Brown and Chester Gillette during the past year and a more pathetic recital was never given in a court room. The letters were love letters, but they were more than that. In them Grace Brown set down all her fears, dread and anguish, and there was scarcely a dry eye in the court room when the womanly, simple, but eloquent letters, that seemed to come from the grave, had been finished by the prosecutor. Day after day the pretty, but plain, little country girl pleaded in her letters for Gillette to stand by her in her trouble and when his replies seemed cold and unassuming she would appeal to his manhood, chiding him, only to ask his pardon in the next sentence.

The reading of the letters appeared to arouse the crowd in court and when the prisoner was led out after adjournment there was a great crowd blocking the way to the jail. Six policemen surrounded the prisoner to ward off possible attempts to injure him by excited bystanders.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

The mercury dropped to 14 below zero at Devils Lake, N. D., and 10 below at Moorhead, Minn.

Three men were killed and several injured, one fatally, by a falling scaffolding at the new railroad bridge at Naugatuck Junction, Conn.

The Missouri supreme court sentenced W. E. Church, convicted of having killed his foster parents near Warrensburg three years ago, to be hanged Jan. 10, 1907.

Anarchists held a meeting at Rome and discussed the advisability of making a demonstration against the police during the approaching sojourn in Rome of King George of Greece.

At an adjourned session of the Wine Growers' Association of America, held at Sandusky, O., resolutions were adopted endorsing the new pure food law. A plan for uniform labels was agreed on.

The anti-trust suits against the Waters-Pierce Oil company brought by the state of Texas is up for argument in the district court at Austin on law points.

### Afflicted With Cancer, Dies.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Nov. 20.—W. H. Ellyson, a wealthy retired farmer of Vinton, succumbed by shooting his head off with a shotgun. The act was due to brooding over a cancer.

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