

UNCLE SAM \$500,000,000 WEALTHIER

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Treasury Officials Coin Great Amount of Emergency Currency.

Cash Must Be Ready for Distribution, Under Aldrich-Vreeland Act, By the Time Congress Meets—How the Work of Getting Money in Shape Is Accomplished.



OFFICIAL currency stretchers of the United States government have ready \$500,000,000 in emergency notes, created by the Aldrich-Vreeland law, which can be put out at an instant's notice to nip financial panics in the bud. Great progress was made by the treasury officials in getting the monster bundles of notes into shape to be issued at a moment's notice.

Hardly had the bill which created this emergency currency passed the gauntlet held up by congress when treasury officials were at work to put

In the meantime the dies were cast by the engraving bureau. This engraving required the greatest care for a single deviation in lines upon the copper plates meant that the bill would be thrown out and the entire plate would necessarily have to be made over again. Dozens of experts were put to work upon the plates. The dies made, the work of testing and finally printing was entered into. It was perhaps a month after the measure was passed before the presses were set in motion in the printing offices turning out notes of great and small denominations.

An army of clerks was rendered necessary to keep tab on the plates, paper and invoice the notes to the treasury department. As fast as the bills were turned out by the department of printing Superintendent Ralph, who is in charge of the entire bureau, personally inspected samples and ordered them turned over to the treasury officials. They were then stored in the vaults in the treasury offices and are now ready to be turned out to banks enrolled in the emergency currency associations.

ONE MAN'S MYTHICAL REASON.

After Several Hours He Remembered His Dinner Engagement.

Dinner had been ready and waiting 20 minutes. The wife of the tardy guest was very much embarrassed. Just to think that her husband was so rude as to be late at a dinner engagement and keep all the guests waiting! After a while the belated one arrived, redfaced and perspiring.

Brown Bread for Two.
One cupful of flour, one cupful of Indian meal, one cupful of graham flour, one teaspoonful salt, three rounding teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half cupful molasses, 1 1/4 cupfuls of milk (water will do as well). Mix all well together, turn into steamer and cook a little over two hours. I put mixture in a one-pound coffee can, well greased. It is then half full. Put cover on, set in the oven in a pie plate, keep water in plate until bread is done. Bread will rise and push cover almost off, then you can see it is done.

Australian Country Homes.
In the Blue mountains, three hours from Sydney, are many beautiful country houses, mostly bungalows with wide verandas all round, where Sydney people fly in February and March to get away from the heat of the city by the harbor.

To Tempt the Fish.
It was always the custom of the Maoris, the primitive inhabitants of New Zealand, to put the first fish that they caught back into the sea "with a prayer that it might tempt other fish to come and be caught."

Uncle Eben on Spellbinding.
"De difficulty 'bout some o' dese campaign speeches," said Uncle Eben, "is dat dey makes me so powerful enthusiastic dat I can't remember jes' whut de gemman were talkin' 'bout!"—Washington Star.

Two Things Worth Remembering.
Learn these two things: Never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here, and never fall daily to do that good which lies next to your hand.—George MacDonald.

Pined for His Freedom.
Applying for a divorce, an old Georgia negro said to the judge: "Hit only cost me a string or fish ter git married, judge, but, please God, I'd give a whole ter git rid er her."

Derivation of "Poster."
Posters took their name from the fact that in former times the footways of London streets were separated from the drives by a line of posts, on which advertisements were displayed.

Logic and Beauty.
A woman may not be logical when she undertakes to argue, but if she is only pretty enough, that doesn't make any earthly difference.—Somerville Journal.

A Merry Jest.
He—"Miss Ticks is in town." She—"Who's Miss Ticks?" He—"Why, Miss Polly Ticks, don't you know?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

City Without Newspapers.
Bagdad has no newspapers in which it would pay to advertise. There is really but one publication, and that devotes its columns entirely to government notices.

Correcting a Misapprehension.
"You musn't call Gibraltar an island, Johnny," said Mrs. Lapsling. "It's a high point of land extending into the sea, and is called a prominent tory."

Manhattan's Dense Population.
Manhattan is the most densely populated island in the world. It has a population of 99,150 persons to the square mile.

Ideals.
Cherish ideals as the traveler cherishes the north star, and keep the guiding light pure and bright and high above the horizon.—Hills.

Confidence.
The surest way to destroy people's confidence in you is to continually question the motives of others.

Camel Can Carry Heavy Load.
A camel is able to carry a load three times greater than the horse.

Marmalade for the Children.
Save all nice apple skins, wash and put on to cook or simmer. Take orange skins that are left after eating your oranges, wash them, put on to cook in water. When cool put up fine, strain your apple skins, sweeten to suit your taste, add orange skins, stir up. Cook ten minutes or until thick. Throw water orange skins were cooked in away. My children like this on their bread instead of butter, as there is more apple than orange to what I make for them and it is a lovely red color.

Electrical Air Filters.
Electric air filtration is the idea of an English engineer, and is based on the discovery that a body positively electrified by 100 volts or more will become covered with soot in a single day in a smoky atmosphere, while a negatively charged body remains clean. Inserting a sheet of wire gauze in the intake flue of a ventilating system and electrifying it by connecting to a 250-volt supply main, the gauze extracted a large quantity of soot from the air.

New Kinds of Dogs.
It is an astonishing phenomenon that 700 Pekingese, Poms, Japanese and toy spaniels should be collected at a ladies' show when it is remembered many of these species were not even known in England less than 50 years ago. And new species continue to come. The flat-coated Austrian dachshunds and the huge Pyrenean watchdogs are both new and are both species which have the best qualities in a dog, fidelity and intelligence.—London Spectator.

German Level of Comfort.
Only by taking them into consideration can you explain the paradox that with higher rent, lower wages, and longer hours the German working class maintain a higher level of domestic comfort and physical vigor, and their children are better cared for than our own.—Dr. Arthur Shadwell, in London Times.

Mourning Colors.
Black is practically the prevailing color for mourning among Europeans and their kin the world over, but other peoples have other colors—the Chinese white; the Egyptians and Burmese, yellow; the Syrians, sky-blue; the Persians, pale brown; the Turks, violet.—New York American.

Bad Climate for Furniture.
China is a bad place for furniture. In the summer months it is so damp that furniture put together with glue falls apart and drawers stick, while in the dry months furniture goes to the other extreme and often exhibits cracks half an inch or more in width.

High Winds on the Desert.
In the sandy deserts of Arabia, whirling winds sometimes excavate pits 200 feet in depth and extending down to the harder stratum on which the bed rests.

Be Not Pleased with Thyself.
Be always displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest.—Francis Quarles.

No Fear Now.
No need to fear Japan. An old trust has begun to work over there, and now the nation never will have any money.—Detroit News.

Accounted For.
It's hard to tell what becomes of the pins, but a little girl up north has just coughed up a shoe button.—Atlanta Journal.

Origin of Term "Yankee."
"Yankee" is from endeavor of Indians to pronounce the word "English," which they rendered "Yeng-hees."



L.A. COOLIDGE

the notes into such shape that they might be put upon the market.

Acting Secretary Coolidge of the treasury overlooked the work and the bureau of engraving and printing which put out the currency was in charge of Superintendent Ralph.

Each day Superintendent Ralph delivered into the hands of the treasury officials between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in the new style notes. Before the end of summer there was over \$100,000,000 ready for delivery to the banks on call.

Congress meets again in December and then the legislators will be greeted by the great outlay of cash. If there should be a panic this fall, which is far from likely, officials declare, this great amount of emergency currency would be delivered to the stricken districts within a few hours and it is believed the trouble would end with the appearance of the cash.

Up to August 1 only one emergency currency association had been formed, but soon organizations began to materialize all over the country and the interest in the new act was heightened to a great extent. The banks of the District of Columbia had their articles of association approved by the secretary of the treasury about the middle of July and to them belongs the honor of being the first members of an organization authorized under the emergency currency law.

The banks in New York and other financial centers were not disposed to fully commit themselves pending a determination of the question whether a bank joining an association could withdraw from it after complying with all the requirements of the law. The treasury officials regarded this question as purely academic but they took the matter under consideration and a decision was reached on this point in a very short time. The act itself is entirely silent on the subject.

The proposition of putting out such a great amount of currency was one which held the bureau of printing and engraving in its throes for many anxious months, for it was pointed out when the measure finally passed congress after a long fight that while it was decidedly improbable that there would be a panic this fall, it was certainly necessary that the currency be ready for delivery in case unsettled conditions should introduce themselves into Wall street and other big financial centers of the country.

But if the word of the framers of the Aldrich-Vreeland statute is to be believed no such conditions can arise, simply because of the existence of the emergency currency act.

Most readers of congressional news in the daily papers remember well and followed closely the struggle which took place in both the house and senate coincident to the passage of the bill. The senate refused to accept the Vreeland bill, manufactured in the lower branch, while the house of representatives could see nothing but evil things in the Aldrich measure—that is, the majority.

Speaker Cannon of the house paid several visits to President Roosevelt at the White House. The executive insisted upon work being done by congress, if it were only this law. Finally the opposition forces met in caucus and then there was another caucus, most of the points in dispute being settled. The bill passed the house with much acclaim from those who had aided in effecting the compromise.

Then came the struggle in the senate with Senator LaFollette, Senator Gore, the blind legisla-



A RUIN ON A BANK WHICH, IT IS HOPED, WILL BE AVOIDED

tor, and their aides in the role of the opposing minority. Everyone familiar with parliamentary rules of congress knows that speeches are limited in the house, but in the senate a man may hold the floor for months, providing he has something to talk about.

Senator La Follette, the man who takes but little rest from his labors, spoke for 18 hours. It was a memorable speech because of its length. Then Senator Gore took his place and spoke for quite a while longer. All this was done to keep Senator Aldrich and his friends from putting on passage the compromise measure. It was regarded as a certainty that the bill would pass and so the opposition's idea in the beginning was to keep on talking until midnight March 3, 1909, in shifts of eight hours each.

Whether it was by prearrangement or by accident, few will ever know, but the fact remains that when one of the filibuster aides neglected his cue, an Aldrich supporter jumped into the breach, secured the floor and made the motion to put the bill on passage. It passed and ended one of the most spectacular filibusters which legislative circles of the country have ever recorded. For that reason the United States now has \$500,000,000 in emergency currency ready to put out at an instant's notice to stem the tide which a panic would bring upon the country.

Then came the work of engraving bills of every denomination in the offices of the bureau of engraving and printing. First the rough paper was received. It was cut up into strips upon machines which cut many thousands of notes at one time.



SENATOR NEILSON W. ALDRICH

"So sorry to keep you waiting," he said. "But I was detained at the office with an out-of-town customer. Just couldn't get away."

The excuse sounded all right and was accepted by the hostess, but it was a myth.

The truth was: Preoccupied, he had gone home from the office at the usual time and found the house locked, much to his surprise. Where in the mischief were his wife and children? he wondered. Why didn't they tell him they were going away?

He went all around the house and tried the doors, but they were locked. Then he found a piece of iron in the backyard and broke open a window and crowded in.

He crowded out through the window for the evening paper and crowded back. He read the paper, and still the wife and children didn't return.

At 6:05 o'clock he remembered the dinner engagement. While he dressed and rode 20 blocks the guests waited. But others have made the same blunder.—Kansas City Star.



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