

# THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

### To Restore the Motto.

Washington—President Roosevelt was overridden Wednesday by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures, when by unanimous vote it was agreed to report favorably the McKinley (Illinois) bill requiring the restoration to gold and silver coins of the national motto "In God We Trust." During the discussion Representative Knowland of California, being in a facetious mood, moved that the committee further recommend the placing upon all clearing house certificates the Biblical inscription "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

### Would Classify Consular Service.

Washington, D. C.—The senate committee on foreign relations Wednesday voted to report favorably the bill classifying the consular service. The committee also voted to report the amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, making appropriations of more than \$1,000,000 for the purchase of sites and erection of buildings for the consular establishments in Japan, China and Korea and \$400,000 for the purchase and repair of the building used for the American embassy in Paris.

### A Brownsville Vote Tuesday.

Washington, D. C.—The Brownsville question will be voted on by the senate committee on military affairs on Tuesday next according to an agreement reached Thursday. The majority of the committee will vote to endorse the action of the president in dismissing three companies of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry on account of the raid on the Texas town. Senator Foraker will make a minority report. It has not been determined how many will join in his view.

### Cost of Our Present Navy.

Washington, D. C.—That our present system of naval construction is the best possible is the verdict of Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. The opinion was announced in the course of a speech in the senate Wednesday and was given, as he said, as the result of 30 years' experience in naval legislation. In the course of his remarks he said that the new navy as it exists today had cost \$1,200,000,000.

### May Send John Mitchell to Isthmus.

Washington, D. C.—That John Mitchell, the retiring president of the United Mine Workers of America may be asked by President Roosevelt to go to Panama and make a report on labor conditions there, is one of the results which may accrue from a conference on Panama affairs at the White House Thursday.

### Cavalry to Protect Parks.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Garfield has made a request that three troops of cavalry be detailed for the protection of the national parks of California, two at Yosemite and one divided between Sequoia and General Grant parks.

### AVOID THE ISTHMUS.

There Are More Applicants for Work in Canal Zone Than Can Be Accommodated.

Washington, D. C.—Reductions in force are being made by the Isthmian canal commission in the division of building construction and that of mechanics, also in the clerical force on the Isthmus. Notwithstanding these facts there has been a considerable number of unemployed mechanics and clerks migrating to the Isthmus recently as a result of the commercial depression in the United States but their chances of securing employment are very remote. The commission is anxious that prominence be given these facts, as any vacancies that may have to be filled are given to former employes who have not left the Isthmus. Americans who do come, however, and fail to secure work with the commission can seldom find other employment as the volume of other business is not large and the local supply of skilled labor is amply sufficient to meet all demands.

### Negroes Stoned State Officials.

Muskogee, Ok.—Negroes at Red Bird, incensed by the recent enactment of the Jim Crow law, Friday night stoned the M., K. & T. special, bearing state officials and members of the legislature from Guthrie to the Democratic convention here and three members of the delegation were cut by flying glass. The injured were Senator Roddie, of Ada; Representative Stettmund and Henry S. Johnson, of Perry. Windows were broken and the train was stopped. The passengers made an unsuccessful attempt to capture their assailants.

# DANGER AHEAD FOR THE FLEET.



California Girls Are Forming Leap-Year Proposal Clubs.

## KANSAS DEMOCRATS MEET

The State Convention at Hutchinson Selected Delegates.

J. H. Atwood Defeated Johnson for National Committeeman—A Synopsis of the Resolutions Adopted.

Hutchinson, Kan.—The Democratic State convention to elect delegates to the National convention and national committeemen met Friday morning. G. W. Harrington of Hiawatha and W. H. L. Pepperill of Concordia were the temporary officers as recommended by the state committee. A resolution endorsing Bryan for president and instructing delegates to vote solidly for him was unanimously adopted.

J. H. Atwood was elected national committeeman over J. G. Johnson by a vote of 371 to 187. W. F. Sapp of Galena, the third candidate who was considered a possibility on a compromise received 65 votes.

Delegates elected to the National convention were: W. H. L. Pepperill, Charles H. Sawyer, J. E. Andrews and W. A. Harris. The alternates are T. U. Gisham, J. H. Hagney, W. H. Ryan and J. A. Whitehurst.

The resolutions were long. They regretted the recent panic but declared they were not responsible. They condemned the asset currency law and demanded a federal guarantee of deposits in national banks and state guarantee for state banks. They denounced the tariff as political graft, opposed a ship subsidy. They claimed the anti-pass law originated with them and demanded a primary law with preserved the secrecy of the ballot and favored the election of all public officers, United States senator and postmasters included, by a direct vote of the people. They said that corporations should not be allowed to issue fictitious stocks and bonds. They wanted county assessors elected by the people and wanted all laws enforced alike. No action was taken on United States senator.

### GEN. STOEESSEL GUILTY.

The Grim Defender of Port Arthur Condemned to Death by a Russian Court-Martial.

St. Petersburg.—Lieutenant General Stoessel was condemned to death Thursday evening by a military court for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese.

General Fock, who commanded the fourth East Siberian division of Port Arthur, was ordered reprimanded for a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender and General Smirnov, acting commander of the fortress, and Major General Reiss, chief of staff to General Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them for lack of proof. The court recommended that the death sentence upon Lieutenant General Stoessel be commuted to 10 years imprisonment in a fortress and that he be excluded from the service.

### To Revise Kansas School Laws.

Topeka, Kansas.—In accordance with a request of the state teacher's association to appoint an educational commission to examine the present school laws and draft a more modern set, Gov. Hoch Friday appointed the following board with state superintendent Fairchilds as chairman. J. W. Gleed, Topeka; R. F. Knight, Wichita; L. A. Lowther, Emporia; W. D. Ross, Peabody; W. S. Pate, Cherokee; A. J. Stanley, Lincoln.

## POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Would Provide a Safe Place of Deposit That Would Encourage Thrift and Prevent Hoarding.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Knox Wednesday introduced a bill to establish a system of postal savings banks. The bill embodies the plan outlined by Postmaster General Meyer in his annual report and which he advocated in public addresses being calculated to encourage economy and thrift and to afford a place of deposit free from any possibility of doubt for vast sums of money which would be otherwise hoarded and kept out of circulation through ignorance or lack of confidence.

The bill authorizes the postmaster general to establish a system of postal savings banks comprised of such money order offices as he may designate for that purpose.

The bill further provides that such postal banks shall receive deposits of money in even dollars, with one dollar as a minimum and postmasters are required to make daily reports to the postmaster general, who will forward to the depositor a written acknowledgment of its receipts. Deposits are not liable to seizure or detention under legal processes against the depositor, and such funds are exempt from taxation. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum is allowed depositors and the postmaster general is authorized to place the money deposited in postal savings banks in national banks at a rate of interest satisfactory to the secretary of the treasury. These national depositories are to be in the immediate vicinity of postal banks from which the money is drawn, as a safeguard against centralization of currency and as a means of facilitating the return of money to the channels of trade. National banks are prohibited from receiving any compensation for cashing or collecting any checks or any other services in connection with postal banks. Withdrawals of deposits may be made at any time subject to certain rules. The bill carries an appropriation of \$100,000 to give it effect.

### Will Employ More Operators.

Topeka, Kan.—It was learned here Friday that both the Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads will increase their force of operators to comply with the nine-hour law. At a meeting of Rock Island superintendents here it was decided to increase the operators in this, the southwestern district by 56. Approval of this action has been received from Chicago. The superintendents of the eastern grand division of the Santa Fe met last week and decided on an increase and are now waiting to learn the number of new men allowed by the officials in Chicago. Officials here declare none of the smaller stations will be closed.

### To Drive Out Iowa Gamblers.

Burlington, Iowa.—Acting in accordance with Attorney Byers' campaign for law enforcement in Iowa the civic federation has notified the mayor and all other responsible officers that the gamblers must be driven out of Burlington at once. The president of the federation has received a letter from Attorney General Byers offering all the assistance he can give them in the enforcement of the law in this city. They propose to make the campaign a strong one.

### The Santa Fe Discharging Men.

Topeka, Kan.—It was announced here Wednesday that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company has ordered a reduction of 18 per cent in the mechanical department all over the system. Two hundred were discharged Wednesday afternoon in the Topeka shops.

## THE FLEET AT CALLAO.

Battleships Received Enthusiastic Welcome to Peruvian Port Where They Will Remain Ten Days.

Callao.—The American battleships, looking clean and trim and powerful in the tropical sun, came to anchor in this port soon after 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The booming of salutes announced the arrival of the fleet, but there was no need to send out signals for every resident of Callao and great crowds from Lima, that stands back on the hills, had awaited with expectancy the first glimpse of the advancing column.

Callao was in holiday array, wishing to show that Peruvian hospitality was second to none in South America, and many thousands reviewed from the wharves, the headlands and the ships on the harbor, the imposing scene. Enthusiastic crowds went down the bay on excursion steamers and cheered the American men-of-war.

The battleships will remain here probably for ten days and will be joined by the torpedo boat flotilla near the close of their stay at Callao. Arrangements have been made for festivities of all kinds, including a bullfight, which not less than 5,000 of the bluejackets will see and a regatta for which preparations have been going on for several weeks. President Prado will give a public reception to the officers Friday afternoon, and Washington's birthday will be made a gain occasion.

## MONEY IS PILING UP.

The Kansas City National Banks Show Gain of \$12,000,000 in Deposits in Ten Weeks.

Kansas City.—The total deposits of seven national banks in Kansas City increased nearly \$12,000,000 in the past ten weeks. Statements were called for Friday by the comptroller of the currency showing the condition of the banks on February 14. The last previous statements showed the condition on December 3, the day before the National Bank of Commerce suspended business. On that day seven national banks had a total of \$55,750,000 in deposits. The statements published Friday show a total of \$67,500,000. The same banks a year ago had \$53,750,000 in deposits. Every one of the national banks show a gain, the First National leading with an increase of over \$5,000,000.

The total cash and sight exchange in the national banks now is \$34,750,000, compared with \$25,000,000 in the same banks ten weeks ago and \$23,500,000 a year ago.

The statements show that the banks hold over 51 per cent of their gross deposits in cash and sight exchange.

## CAN REGULATE BANKS.

Oklahoma Guarantee Deposit Law Upheld by Judge Houston in District Court at Guthrie.

Guthrie, Ok.—Judge A. H. Houston in the district court here Wednesday morning sustained the demurrer filed by Attorney General Wrest in the injunction suit brought by the Noble state bank against the state banking board and the bank commissioner on the ground that there was not sufficient facts in the petition to constitute a cause of action. This is the first test on the Oklahoma guarantee deposit law. In passing on the case Judge Houston states that under the police powers of the state given by the act the defendants have the power to collect the tax as the banks that are allowed to do business in this state are corporations and that they are as much accountable to the legislature as any other corporation which serves the public.

### Favorable Militia Bill Report.

Washington, D. C.—The Steenerson bill, to promote the efficiency of the militia, was ordered favorably reported Thursday by the house committee on militia. The bill as amended by the committee divides the militia organizations of the several states and territories into two distinct classes, one to be known as the National Guard and the other as the Reserve Militia.

### Kansas Masonic Officers.

Topeka, Kansas.—Justice Henry F. Mason of the Kansas supreme court was elected grand master of the Kansas grand lodge of Masons Thursday. A. K. Wilson of Topeka was re-elected secretary. Fred Washbon of Anthony was elected deputy grand master and Albert Sarbach of Holton grand treasurer.

### Missouri Delegates Instructed.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Former Congressman Frank B. Fulkerson of St. Joseph and David Rankin of Tarkio were chosen to represent the fourth congressional district of Missouri at the National Republican convention in Chicago. They were instructed to vote for Taft "so long as his name is before the convention."

# SHOT IN CHURCH

DENVER PRIEST MURDERED AS HE KNEELS AT ALTAR.

## KILLED DURING EARLY MASS

Slayer An Anarchist Who Glories in His Act—Sends Bullet Into Heart

—Weapon Placed Close to Body of His Victim.

A Denver, Colo., February 23 dispatch says: Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering the sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city, at 6 o'clock this morning. Kneeling at the altar rail, between two women, Giuseppe Guarannaccio pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest, after receiving from him the consecrated wafer, and shot the priest through the heart. Exclaiming "My God, my God," Father Leo fell prone in front of the altar and died without uttering another word.

With an inarticulate scream the assassin sprang into the aisle, and waiving the smoking pistol about his head, dashed to the church door. For a moment the hundred or more people in the church were dazed. Then a woman shrieked and the congregation became panic-stricken. Some women fainted, and many became hysterical.

Several men rushed to the aid of the priest, and others started in pursuit of the murderer. Among the latter was Patrolman Daniel Cronin, who overtook the fleeing Italian on the church steps. Guarannaccio attempted to shoot the policeman and was foiled and overpowered only after a desperate fight, in which several men had come to the assistance of the officer. The murderer was hurriedly removed to the city jail and as threats of summary justice were made by men in the crowd which quickly gathered in front of the church, Chief of Police Michael Delaney called out the reserve force of patrolmen who are kept on guard day and night.

Giuseppe was placed in solitary confinement at the city jail. He admitted to a policeman who interviewed him that the priest whom he had killed was a stranger to him and in explanation of his crime, made the following statement:

"I just went over there because I have a grudge against all priests in general. They are all against the workingman. I went to the communion rail because I could get a better shot. I did not give a damn whether he was a German priest or any other kind of a priest. They are all in the same class. I left Italy three months ago; went first to Central America and then came to the United States and to Denver. I am an anarchist and I am proud of it. I shot him and my only regret is that I could not have shot the whole bunch of priests in the church. I am a shoemaker, but have not worked since coming to Denver."

## PENNY COSTS THOUSANDS.

Fire Follows Striking of Match, to Look for One-Cent Piece.

Miss Dietrich, a clerk in Martin Brothers' dry goods store, Grand Island, Neb., dropped a coin and in searching for it struck a match which she held beneath a counter, setting fire to a quantity of cotton batting, which in turn communicated the flames to the counters. The fire spread so rapidly that the loss will reach almost ten thousand dollars. The coin, for which Miss Dietrich was searching, was later found to be a penny.

Seven minutes after the alarm had sounded, the fire department was playing streams of water upon the flames, which were soon extinguished, but not before the entire stock, covering two floors, 44 by 160 feet, had been greatly damaged by smoke. Pending adjustment and the return of the owner, who is in the east, the store has been closed. The loss is covered by insurance.

## HEAD STRIKES A SIGNAL.

Engineer Killed While Leaning From His Window.

F. R. Skeel of Freeport, Ill., an engineer in charge of an Illinois Central freight locomotive, was knocked from his cab and killed through his head coming in contact with a signal as he leaned from the window. The accident occurred near Broadview, fifteen miles west of Chicago, and was not discovered by his fireman until the train had proceeded some distance.