

LEGISLATURE ON LAST LAP

Many Important Measures or Preferred Calendar.

SIFTING COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Banking Bill Will Probably Go to Governor Today—House Expected to Accept Senate Amendment Without Serious Discussion.

Lincoln, March 22.—The legislature today started on the last lap of its work and from now on will consider only such measures as make their way through the sifting committees of the two branches. There are a number of important bills yet on the preferred calendar, among them being the physical valuation measure, stock yards bills and some other similar legislation. The banking bill will probably go to the governor at the end of today's session, since there is but one matter of difference between the house and senate, which can be settled in conference without serious difficulty. The emergency clause was cut out by the senate, but the house is expected to accept the amendment without serious discussion.

ION TO PROBE SOUTH OMAHA RIOTS

Special Representative of Greek Government to Make Investigation.

Omaha, March 22.—Professor Theodore P. Ion, special representative of the Greek government, has arrived in Omaha to make an investigation of the recent South Omaha riots, during which a number of Greek stores and residences were demolished and a number of Hellenic subjects badly beaten.

Professor Ion holds the chair of international law in Boston university and is one of the most eminent Greeks in his country. He will be assisted in his investigation by Harry Mavrikidis, who represents the Daily Aithia, an Athens newspaper, and who came to Omaha recently as a staff representative of that publication.

The professor says that a full investigation will be made and the amount of damage suffered at the hands of the rioters ascertained, and a report made to the Greek minister at Washington. That official will lay the matter before the state department, with a request that restitution be made. While in Nebraska Professor Ion will visit Lincoln and discuss the affair with Governor Shallenberger.

MRS. ATTA BANNER ACQUITTED

Woman Who Kills Brother-in-Law Found Not Guilty.

Omaha, March 22.—Mrs. Atta Banner of South Omaha has been acquitted of the charge of murdering her brother-in-law, Fred Banner. When the verdict was read, Marjorie King, for whose dishonor her mother killed Fred Banner, with girlish impulse threw her arms around her neck and implanted kisses after kiss upon her cheeks, and Mrs. Banner returned her daughter's affections with a few pats on her shoulder and smiles. She was not surprised at the verdict. Several women and men friends of the Banners gathered about the slender woman and kissed her or shook her hand. Her brother, Willis Hudspeath, was there to reassure her of his joy in her acquittal. Her attorneys, Henry Murphy and Matt Gering, congratulated her, and she, in turn, thanked them and told them how proud she was of the defense they had made.

BOYS CONFESS TO MURDER

Bloodhounds Do Effective Work in the Dillon Case.

Alma, Neb., March 22.—The Beatrice bloodhounds did effective work in trailing down the murderers of William Dillon, near Oxford. The dogs took up the trail, which was several days old, and as a result two boys, George Critzer and Ben Heddendorff, were arrested and have confessed to the crime. According to their story, Heddendorff did the shooting, and in the division of the plunder Critzer secured only \$20 and a watch for his share of the results of the crime. Critzer is only sixteen years of age and Heddendorff eighteen.

Woman Ends Life With Shotgun.

Nelson, Neb., March 22.—Mrs. Joseph Kramer, living five miles southwest of here, took her life by shooting herself with a shotgun. The charge tore away part of her face. She took off one shoe and pulled the trigger with her toe. The gun was so heavily charged that in addition to shattering the woman's head, it made a hole two inches in diameter in the ceiling. A piece of her skull as large as a man's hand was found back of her chair and the walls were bespattered with blood. No reason is known for the mad act. Mrs. Kramer was in the city the day before the tragedy. She leaves a husband and five children, one of them married.

Interurban Line for Sioux City.

Sioux City, March 22.—Preliminary steps for the opening of an interurban railway line between Sioux City and Hartington, Neb., have been taken by Sioux City and Nebraska businessmen.

Modjeska Is No Better.

Los Angeles, March 22.—The condition of Madame Modjeska, who is lying very low at her country home near Santa Anita, remains unchanged.

PRIZE WINNERS AT PITTSBURG

Lipman Team of Chicago Annexes Five Men Event.

Pittsburg, March 20.—First honor in the five-men class of the bowling tournament is captured by the Lipman team of Chicago, with a world record score of 2,962. Their prize is \$700. Al and Tony Schwogler of Madison, Wis., are first in the double class, with a world's record score of 1,304. Their prize is \$435. First place in the individual class is undecided. F. Brugge-man of Rochester, N. Y., and Larry Sutton of Rochester, N. Y., are tied for this honor, with a score of 691. In the all-events honor roll, J. Blinn of Chicago is first, with a score of 1,855. His prize is \$160.

"YOUR MOVE" BY CABLE

English and American Students Play Long Distance Chess Today.

Princeton, N. J., March 20.—Play was begun here today in the international cable chess match between students of American universities and the students representing the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The American colleges represented are Columbia, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Harvard.

RUSSIA READY TO INTERVENE

Troops Already on Move Toward Persian Frontier.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—All preparations are now complete for Russian military intervention in Persia should such a step be found necessary. The Third Rifle battalion, with its field equipment, arrived at Julfa, on the Persian frontier, coming from Tiflis. The men are under canvas in the expectation of orders to proceed to Tabriz. The Saliarsk regiment also is in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Supplies and equipments are now being sent forward from Resht.

FITCH ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

Council Bluffs Man Nears End of His Aimless Wanderings.

New York, March 22.—Edward H. Fitch of Council Bluffs, secretary of the Iowa State insurance company, who was lost on the continent four months ago while members of the United States consular service all over Europe vainly sought trace of him, arrived on the Pannonia.

Mr. Fitch was plainly suffering from the after effects of the nervous attack which sent him wandering aimlessly about from one country to another. He went to Europe in the early fall on the first vacation that he had taken in five years.

Mr. Fitch said that he supposed from overwork and nervous strain he suffered a lapse of memory. He said he had not written home because he did not think there would be any anxiety regarding him, and the first he knew of the fuss which his disappearance had created was when, having exhausted his funds, he went to Consul Crowninshield in Naples to ask for assistance in getting back to America.

Paderevski Stricken with Rheumatism

New York, March 22.—Ignace Jan Paderevski, the famous piano virtuoso, arrived here from Minneapolis, after cancelling three engagements in the west, to place himself in the hands of a specialist on rheumatism. Paderevski was suddenly stricken with rheumatism in his right hand and arm a few hours before the time scheduled for his concert in Minneapolis, but by a supreme effort managed to play his program through.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS

Official Call Issued for Twentieth Annual Session at Denver.

Denver, March 22.—Secretary Arthur F. Francis of the Transmississippi Commercial congress issued the official call for the twentieth annual session of that association, to be held in Denver, Aug. 16 to 21. Added interest attaches to the meeting this year from the fact that President Taft will be present and take part in the proceedings. A large attendance of representatives of the Latin-American countries is also expected in the interest of the movement for closer commercial relations between this country and the republics of South and Central America and Mexico. One thing will be barred, according to the executive committee, and this is discussion of questions of a political nature.

ENGLISH FEAR OUR HORSES

American Cracks Entered in British Races Beginning This Week.

London, March 22.—The opening of the English racing season this week with the Lincolnshire handicap begins a season full of interest to sportsmen on both sides of the Atlantic. Many of America's best runners are entered in the big English events, and leading native horsemen have given it as their belief that the foreigners will carry off some of the stakes.

Railroads Denied New Trial.

Salt Lake, March 22.—The traffic officials and railroads convicted last January in the United States district court of conspiracy in connection with the refusal to deliver coal to an independent coal dealer were denied a new trial and will be sentenced on Monday.

NEW TURN IN CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Presidents of Five Republics Will Hold Conference Soon.

Mexico City, March 22.—It is now believed a certainty that a conference of the five presidents of Central American republics will be held shortly. Word has reached here that President Cabrera of Guatemala, Davila of Honduras and Zelaya of Nicaragua have agreed to the proposed meeting. It is thought that President Figueroa of Salvador and the president of Costa Rica will also consent to the invitation which was sent out by Senor Echeverria, president of the Central American branch of the American republics, and the gathering will be on the consideration of ways and means of living up to the spirit of the Washington peace pact and thus remove all cause for intervention in Central American affairs on the part of either the United States or Mexico.

The news of the acceptance of Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala and his enemy, Jose Santos Zelaya of Nicaragua, comes as an agreeable surprise to the well-wishers of Central America. Cabrera first declared that he would do nothing unless the meeting was held at Guatemala City, but later revised his declaration by agreeing to be present at a conference held on neutral ground. It is considered likely that a request will be sent to the American state department as soon as Salvador and Costa Rica are heard from, asking that the conference be permitted to meet on board one of the cruisers of the Pacific squadron.

The harbor of Amapala will probably be selected as the meeting place. This new turn in Central American affairs is looked upon by those well informed as the most important that has happened in recent years and is believed to have been forced by the firmness of the state department at Washington.

ROOSEVELTS HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Ex-President in High Spirits Over African Hunting Trip.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—Weary and worn from the strain of the last four days, J. P. Whitla, father of Willie Whitla, the kidnaped boy, returned from a fruitless trip to Cleveland.

"We know no more now," said Mr. Whitla, "than we did before, and we seem to be no further along with the search than we were last night."

It is the general belief here that the abductors, realizing to what an extent the public is aroused over the kidnaping, will not dare open up correspondence with Mr. Whitla at present. Hoping that something may divert the public attention, they will then communicate with the father privately and await his assurances that the whole matter will be kept quiet till after the boy has been returned, the reward paid and they have had time to get away.

The terrible anxiety and uncertainty as to their little son's fate has had its effect on both parents of the boy. The father refuses to sleep at all and keeps up through sheer will power. The mother, who will not allow her daughter, Salina, out of her sight, is showing the effects of the worry, and physicians gave orders that she be not allowed to see any visitors. Hundreds of letters from all over the country continue to pour in from friends and strangers alike, tendering sympathy.

The full story of the frustrated attempt to pay over \$10,000 in ransom for the return of the kidnaped boy became known. J. P. Whitla, the father, was instructed in a letter from the kidnapers to leave the money in Flatiron park, Ashtabula, Saturday night. If no detectives were about, the kidnapers promised, they would secure the money and deliver the boy safely to the father in a hotel at Ashtabula at 3 a. m. Whitla deposited the money as requested, but the Ashtabula police learned of the plans to pay the ransom and went to the park. The kidnapers are supposed to have seen them, for a man approached the spot at which the money had been left. Whitla had a score of detectives and twenty-three members of the Pennsylvania state constabulary in readiness in Cleveland to start a search for the kidnapers as soon as he had safely secured the boy.

A man and a boy, believed to be Willie Whitla and one of his kidnapers, were detained by the police of Cuyahoga Falls. The man claims he is from Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Roosevelt seemed surprised when informed that several delegations from civic and political organizations from various parts of the country would be at the dock and that several thousand people would undoubtedly be on hand to give him a parting cheer as the steamship goes out.

STUDENT DIES FROM HAZING

Strung Up by Ankies to a Sapling by His Fellows.

Indianapolis, March 22.—Charles Stinton is dead as a result of hazing by fellow students at the White school, who, it is alleged, strung him up by the ankles to a sapling near the school building and left him hanging so long that he died a few hours after he was taken down. Several teachers of the White school were driven away by unruly students. It is expected that arrests will follow.

COOPERS RELEASED ON BONDS.

Nashville, Tenn., March 22.—After filing a bond totaling nearly \$1,500,000, Colonel D. B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary for the killing of former United States Senator Carmack, retired to the home of Judge J. C. Bradford and discussed the next move in the case.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns Bills Against J. C. Maybray and George Ryan.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 22.—The local authorities are now ready for the arrival of J. C. Maybray, author it is alleged, of numerous swindles the grand jury having returned ten indictments against Maybray and George Ryan, said to be his partner. Just what action will be taken to bring Maybray and Ryan to Council Bluffs is not known, but from present indications they will not reach here for at least another week. No less than a dozen men, who lost from \$2,000 to \$10,000 each, were present to testify, but only six of them were given the opportunity, it being found further testimony was not necessary.

Postoffice Inspector Swenson has just returned from Des Moines, where he had a conference with the officials at division headquarters. He will probably leave soon for Little Rock to pursue the work of securing Maybray's presence in this city.

THREE DEAD; 50 HOUSES WRECKED

City Water Reservoir Bursts at Parkersburg, Causing \$250,000 Damage.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 20.—Three persons were killed, three others probably fatally injured and many more slightly hurt and ten or more houses completely wrecked and forty more badly damaged when the two large water tanks supplying the city with water burst. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wagge and small child. Their bodies were found in the ruins of their home.

The immense stream of released water rushed down Prospect hill, sweeping everything before it. Houses were swept into the street and the residents knocked from their beds. The two tanks contained the entire city supply of water and a famine is now imminent. The damage will amount to \$250,000. St. John's Lutheran church was almost completely demolished, but through its sacrifice many lives were spared and much more damage prevented, as it was directly in the path of the water. The breaking of the tanks is believed to have been caused by some miscreants, who dynamited them, as two explosions were heard.

PITTSBURG GRAND JURY REPORTS

Sensational Rumors Are Rife as to Further Revelations.

Pittsburg, March 20.—The grand jury which has been investigating the charges of alleged corruption in the municipal affairs of this city on an order made by Judge L. L. Davis and before whom fifty prominent citizens were summoned to tell what they knew about councilman graft, presented their findings to Judge Davis. The court said that on account of the extreme seriousness of the matter he would take the report under advisement and ordered the jury to report in court Monday.

STEAMER WRECKED ON DUXBURY REEF.

San Francisco, March 22.—The coasting steamer R. D. Iman, which sailed in ballast for this port for Portland, was driven upon Duxbury reef during a severe storm and is a total wreck. Her crew of twenty-one men and officers were rescued.

MINE BLAST KILLS SIX MEN.

Evansville, Ind., March 22.—The list of dead resulting from the explosion in the Sunnyside coal mine was increased to six when John Pettit, one of the injured, died. All the other injured men will recover.

CONFERENCE OF ATTORNEY GENERALS.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 22.—Attorney General Major announced that a conference of the attorney generals of Missouri and adjoining states would probably be held in Kansas City early next month to discuss problems of mutual interest, particularly railroad rate legislation. General Major expects to send letters of invitation to the attorney generals of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

FIGHT IS NOW UP TO JEFFRIES.

Chicago, March 22.—It took Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, only a few minutes to get Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the world, to consent to fight James J. Jeffries, the retired champion, for a purse of \$50,000. The Australian promoter is confident he will get Jeffries' consent as that the big fight is certain.

THE WHALE'S BLOW.

Porpoise—What is the whale blowing about? Dogfish—Oh, he got so many notices for his feat in swallowing Jonah he's been blowing ever since.—Exchange.

SUIT TO DISSOLVE OIL TRUST CALLED

Government Case Against Standard in Court Today.

St. Louis, March 23.—In the circuit court of the United States for the Eighth judicial circuit the suit of the federal government under the Sherman anti-trust law to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was called today. The judges who are hearing the arguments are Willis Van Devanter, William C. Hook, Walter H. Sanborn and Elmer B. Adams.

In the event of a disagreement among these jurists the case will be certified up to the supreme court. In any event the case will not be tried by the appellate division, as it has been arranged that in the event of a decision either way the case will be appealed direct to the supreme court.

This is the case which has already cost the government and the company about \$5,000,000 and in which hearings have been held in many cities. The case was filed in St. Louis in December, 1906, and the taking of testimony began the following year. The government has presented 190 witnesses and the Standard Oil company 140. The complaint in the case names seven individual defendants, besides the Standard of New Jersey, and sixty-nine alleged subsidiary oil companies.

The individual defendants named are John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, Henry M. Flagler, John D. Archbold, Oliver H. Payne and Charles M. Pratt.

Cleveland, March 20.—That Willie Whitla, kidnaped son of Attorney James Whitla of Sharon, Pa., would soon be restored to the hands of friends was the prediction made by the Cleveland police. Two men and a boy answering the descriptions of the kidnapers and their victim were seen here.

Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of Willie Whitla, arrived here from Sharon and immediately assumed charge of the hunt for his nephew. Accompanied by a detective and Clerk Dougherty they departed in an automobile in a continuance of the search.

Mr. Buhl insisted that all of the family hotels in the city be visited. For two hours the automobile whirled about the city. Thoroughly worn out by the long ride, he returned to the Hotel Euclid. He was unwilling to admit either that the boy seen here was or was not his nephew.

FLORIDA BEACH AUTO RACES BEGIN TODAY

Famous Drivers Entered in Great Speed Carnival.

Daytona, Fla., March 22.—With the firing of the pistol starting the Florida stock car price class race this morning the seventh annual international automobile races on Daytona beach began. The opening race will be followed by twenty-one events, contested on four days, the last event of the speed carnival being a bicycle race on Friday.

It is expected that all sorts of automobile, motor cycle, aeroplane and bicycle records will be broken during the four day tournament. Some of the best automobile drivers of the world are here, and their ranks are reinforced by motor cyclists and bicyclists of international reputation. The aeroplanists are not so well known, but keen interest is expressed in their contest.

Among the events on the program are the Minneapolis trophy race, the two-mile-a-minute speed crown race, the one mile record race for the Sir Thomas Dewar \$2,000 trophy, the international free for all race, the Van derbilt cup competitors' race, the motor cycle 100 mile Marathon and the aeroplane speed trials for the cash prizes offered by President Bishop of the Aero Club of America. Of especial interest is the invitation match automobile race, in which George Robertson, Lewis Strang, Herbert Lytle, Ralph de Palma and other noted drivers are entered.

Daytona and the other towns along and near the famous sand course are crowded with visitors from all parts of the United States. A record breaking attendance for the races is assured.

FARMERS TO FIGHT PACKERS

Oklahoma Co-operative Society to Erect Packing Plant and Elevators.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 22.—Asserting that the time has come for the people of Oklahoma to fight to rid themselves of the so-called trusts which, they assert, control the output of grain and cattle of Oklahoma, and make practically their own prices, an experimental co-operative company known as the Grain and Stock Growers' association, has been organized by a branch of the Farmers' union in Oklahoma.

In opposing the packers, the association will erect a packing plant. To finance the plant the association will accumulate a fund of about \$500,000. Shares in it will be sold at \$1 each and no person may own more than one share.

In the handling of Oklahoma grain the association proposes to build a co-operative elevator at every grain shipping station in the state and to sell its grain for export.

TALK ON COAL STRIKE TODAY

Anthracite Miners Begin Their Convention in Scranton, Pa.

Scranton, Pa., March 23.—Unless the tri-district convention of anthracite miners which began in this city today adopts plans for making further effort to obtain from the coal companies a new agreement to take the place of the one which expires March 31 a strike of the hard coal miners will probably result.

"Recognition of our union is one point upon which we shall stand fast," said President Thomas L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers. "Our other demands are reasonable and just and should be granted by the operators, but the matter upon which we are united and in entire harmony is recognition of our organization. The demand of the miners for recognition of the union imposes no hardship on the operators."

The present agreement between the miners and the operators was made in 1896, to run three years. The operators assure their willingness to renew the agreement, but declare that they cannot grant the present demands of the miners for shorter hours and higher wages without increasing the price of coal. This they declare themselves unwilling to do, in view of present industrial conditions. The operators have also come out for the "open shop."

BALLOON LOST IN SIERRAS

Feared That Six Men in "America" May Have Perished.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—Friends of the six men who ascended from Tournament park in Pasadena Saturday in the big Ferris balloon "America" have been without word of them or the slightest knowledge of the fate that has overtaken the intrepid aeronauts. As far as information here goes, no human being has caught sight of the huge gas bag since it rose above the park enclosure, in sight of 5,000 enthusiastic sightseers.

The belief that some tragic fate has befallen the men which formed the basis of the Sierra Madre mountains, directly over which the strong current carried the balloon, when it had reached an altitude of a few thousand feet. There are three distinct mountain ranges before the Mojave desert is reached, fifty miles north of Pasadena. If the balloon is able to sail over this fifty-mile stretch of mountain chain and come to earth on the Mojave desert there is hope that the occupants of the basket, after tramping many weary miles, may be able to reach shelter. If the balloon was not able to cross the Sierras and was brought down among the mountains, only a miracle can save the men from death.

PEACE IN BALKANS ASSURED

Report From Belgrade Says Serbia Will Agree to Disarm.

Belgrade, March 22.—Peace is regarded as assured. It was semi-officially stated that the powers today will invite Serbia to declare the question of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina settled and to disarm and discharge its reservists. Furthermore, it is said that the Servian government will accede to this request, thus opening the way for direct negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Serbia for a commercial agreement.

PRISONERS BLOWN FROM GUNS.


Peshawar, British India, March 22.—It is reported that 1,200 arrests have been made at Jellalabad, Afghanistan, in connection with the plot recently discovered to murder the ameer, the heir apparent and the other members of the royal family. According to advices, batches of prisoners are being blown from guns daily.

KILLED AT CROSSING.

West Point, Neb., March 20.—Michael Kneuechel, aged seventy-two, and an old resident of the city, was killed at the Grove street crossing by a Chicago and Northwestern Black Hills passenger train.

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BANK BILL UP TO GOVERNOR

House Concurs in Senate Amendments to Measure.

RATIFIES ALL THE CHANGES.

Bartos Bill Limiting Dividends of Stockholders Recommended for Passage—Diers' Garnishee Measure is Passed by Senate.

Lincoln, March 23.—The house concurred in the senate amendments to the bank deposit guaranty bill, which has the effect of passing it, and it now goes to the governor. It was one of the bills in which W. J. Bryan took a personal interest and has been a source of extended debate throughout the session of the legislature, now nearing a close. In addition to providing for the guaranteeing of deposits, it makes important changes in the banking laws of the state.

Representative Taylor of Custer county was the only member to make serious objection to a concurrence in the senate amendments to the bank guaranty bill. He objected to making the initial levy one instead of one-half of 1 per cent. He declared the "tearing down of the bill was done in the interest of national banks" and said it had been "so trimmed down that national banks will have no edge over state banks." Graf of Cumine, who reported the bill, was the principal speaker to oppose Taylor.

When Graf finally moved that the senate amendments be concurred in, the motion was adopted by a vote of 53 to 43.

The bank bill formed the chief source of interest in both branches and a number of senators were on the house floor during the deliberations over the amendments. The measure will be in Governor Shallenberger's hands today and probably will be signed by him without further ado.

Limit Dividends of Stockholders.
In the senate a bill was recommended for passage which prevents stockholders in stock life insurance companies accepting more than 8 per cent dividends, or bonuses in lieu thereof. Senator Bartos of Saline county fathered the bill, for which he made a strong fight. He cited figures to show conditions that had been unearthen in large life insurance companies and was able to carry his point. The bill will probably be before the senate for passage before the week ends.

Senator Diers' bill providing for the lowering of the exemption of wages from garnishee proceedings from 90 per cent to 75 per cent was passed by the senate by a vote of 21 to 9. However, the bill as amended provides that no one's wages shall be subject to these proceedings except for debts contracted for the necessities of life.

The senate committee of the whole recommended for passage the bill to prohibit merchants using trading stamps or premiums of any kind as an inducement to trade. A fine of from \$25 to \$100 is fixed for violation thereof.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

A number of the appropriation bills were placed on the general file of the senate on recommendation of the finance ways and means committee. The bills provided for appropriations of \$70,000 for a building at Beatrice; \$3,000 for improvement in the state fish hatcheries at South Bend and \$5,000 for improving the same in Cherry county; \$50,000 for library at Peru; \$50,000 for wing to chapel and gymnasium at Kearney normal; \$75,000 for week school districts.

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