

WILSON'S BREAKING OF PRECEDENTS IS ROUNDLY CRITICISED

Former Speaker Cannon Denounces President's Address to Congress a Imitation of Autocrats.

CONTRASTS HIM WITH LINCOLN

Emanipator Writes Proclamation, Then Shakes Hands for Hours.

SIGNS IT WITH SWOLLEN HAND

Great Event Not Used as Occasion for Playing Politics.

WANDER AFTER STRANGE GODS

Speaker Predicts that Followers of Lincoln Will Quit Kicking Each Other and Again Return to Principles of Prosperity.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 12.—President Wilson's breaking of precedents—his addresses in person to congress, his abandonment of the New Year's day White House reception, and the progress of the democratic administration in general, came in for adverse criticism at the hands of former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon at a Lincoln anniversary dinner here tonight. The former republican speaker of the house of representatives coupled his eulogy of Lincoln and the republican party with dire predictions for the country's welfare under democratic rule.

"Mr. Wilson is our president for the time being and the democratic congress is our congress, making laws under which we all must live, and we will obey the law and grin and bear whatever ills may come," said he. "But the rainbow has not come down in Illinois as our opponents predicted it would ten months ago when Mr. Wilson appeared in person before congress to deliver his first prophecy of the new freedom."

"Meanwhile President Wilson is engaged in smashing precedents. Some one has said that 'a precedent embodies a principle,' and the human race has been living under precedents since the days of Moses. The devil was the first smasher of precedents and he has been busy through several thousand years trying to smash good precedents. I would not intimate that the devil could even get into the White House grounds with a strict Presbyterian president on guard, but some of the precedents he is smashing had good origin, and have lived in good repute through 100 years. They are democratic, too."

Wilson Imitates Autocrats.

"The president has delivered his messages from the rostrum of the speaker of the house. In that he has smashed a precedent of 100 years and followed one of 1,000 years in autocratic government before the days of Washington and Jefferson."

"President Wilson smashed another old precedent in abolishing the New Year's reception at the White House. This abandonment of an old social custom is not of importance, but it reminds me of an incident in the administration of Lincoln. On the morning of January 1, 1863, President Lincoln with his emancipation proclamation in his own hand, working at his desk until the hour for the New Year's reception to begin. Then he went to the blue room and for four hours shook hands with thousands of citizens. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Lincoln returned to his desk with his right hand so swollen that he could scarcely hold a pen, but after manipulating and massaging the fingers for a few minutes he took the pen and wrote 'Abraham Lincoln' to the most significant document ever issued from the White House. Lincoln did not think it necessary to smash the old social precedent of New Year's greeting, nor to create another, political rather than social, by assembling the leaders of his party at the White House to witness his rapid change of pen in signing different parts of his name, distribute these historic pens and deliver a speech informing a waiting world of the blessings that were sure to follow the momentous act. There was no collage of phrases, such as 'Con-

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Unsettled, with snow flurries; no important change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	10
7 a. m.	10
8 a. m.	10
9 a. m.	10
10 a. m.	10
11 a. m.	10
12 p. m.	10
1 p. m.	10
2 p. m.	10
3 p. m.	10
4 p. m.	10
5 p. m.	10
6 p. m.	10
7 p. m.	10
8 p. m.	10

Comparative Local Record.

1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	12	21	30
Lowest yesterday	8	14	24
Mean temperature	9	12	21
Precipitation	.15	.00	T

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyanne, clear	23	32	.00
Davenport, snow	18	24	.10
Denver, clear	24	32	.00
Des Moines, snow	12	12	.00
Dodge, clear	10	10	.00
Lander, clear	10	10	.00
North Platte, clear	10	10	.00
Omaha, snow	11	12	.00
Pueblo, clear	10	10	.00
Rapid City, clear	8	12	.00
Salt Lake City, pt. cloudy	44	49	.00
Seattle, clear	38	42	.00
Sheridan, cloudy	28	32	.00
Sioux City, pt. cloudy	10	10	.00
Valentine, clear	4	8	.00

7 indicators of weather.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

BLACK TONY TELLS HIS STORY Makes Written Confession of the Killing of Nickell.

PUTS THE BLAME ON WILLIAMS

Says Williams Got Him Into the Trouble and that He is the Real Cause of the Death of the Bank Clerk.

Tony Carletta, "Black Tony," who shot and killed Henry E. Nickell in the McVey resort holdup on the night of January 15, laboriously covered fifteen pages of foolscap with a written confession in the chief of detective office. The document as compiled by "the third man" reads as follows:

"I Tony Carletta, am writing this confession without any threats or violence upon the part of the officers in the presence of Chief Malone, to tell him of my part in the robbery at 414 North Fourteenth street.

"This is my written confession, dear reader:

"When I came to Omaha my funds were low, and in seeking employment at the Reliable Employment Agency I met Williams. I was staying at the Carey hotel with Lawrence Gilbert, who was paying my expenses. When Williams had met Lawrence he influenced him not to stand for my bill any more, and I was broke. At this time Gilbert told Williams that he had two suitcases held for board at a house in Benson, and Williams offered to get them if Gilbert would show him the place. He asked me to help him, and I thought he was fooling and agreed. Williams stayed that night with us at the Carey hotel. In the morning he asked us if we had any guns and when we said no, he said we could kick in a hardware store in South Omaha and get some.

Goes to See Girl.

"We bummed around town all day and in the evening Gilbert went to see a girl in South Omaha. Williams and I walked down Tenth street, and he was telling me all the time how easy it was to get money that way. As we came to 414 South Tenth street he said, 'That looks like an easy place to get in,' and we walked on."

Easy Place to Rob.

"Gee, that place is easy. I wish they were all like that," he said, when he came out. After midnight we came back again, and Williams boosted me to the transom, telling me to kick out the glass and crawl in. I did and took four revolvers, four flashlights and two bowie knives. He bawled me out because I didn't get any money and jewelry. We loaded the guns and held up Jacobson and McCarthy on north sixteenth street and got a little money and a watch from

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Suits Filed to Test State Two-Cent Fare Law Are Dismissed

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—Judge T. C. Munger of the federal district court today dismissed six cases pending against many Nebraska railroads to test the constitutionality of the Nebraska 2-cent fare law and the maximum freight rate law passed in 1907 by the Nebraska legislature. The motion to dismiss was made by the state and assented to by the railroads.

The roads affected are the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Union Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

The suits against the roads were first filed by the state in the state courts, seeking to force the railroads to obey the laws. The suits were removed to the federal court by the railroads and bills questioning the constitutionality of the laws were filed. Attempts on the part of the state to send the cases back to the state courts were overruled by Judge Munger and the state appealed to the supreme court, which also refused to remand the suits.

POLICE GUARD AUTOMOBILES HAULING BREAKERS AWAY

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 12.—Scores of policemen and detectives guarded the A. H. Weinbrenner shoe company's plant tonight, while private deputies escorted the strike breaking shoe workers from the factory to automobiles which whisked them away.

Hundreds of men, women and girl strikers marched in front of the factory with an American flag at their head, jeering the strike breakers and the police. Attempts were made to halt the march, but the chauffeurs, with policemen clinging to the sides of the automobiles, evaded trouble.

TWO YEARS FOR BIGAMY; SAYS FORCED TO MARRY

LONDON, Feb. 12.—William Smith, an English chauffeur, was today sentenced to ten months' hard labor on a charge of bigamy in marrying Catherine Higgins of New York while his wife was alive in England.

The prisoner voluntarily gave himself up and confessed the crime, saying he had been forced to marry the woman by his American employer, who offered him the management of a farm on condition that he do so.

MEMPHIS BANKER CHANGES HIS PLEA TO NOT GUILTY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 12.—C. Hunter Raine, president of the Mercantile bank, which closed its doors Monday as the result of the alleged defalcations of the president, estimated to reach \$280,000, entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned in criminal court today. Raine previously had pleaded guilty when arrested on a bench warrant charging embezzlement.

FORT DODGE GIRL FOUND WORKING AS A DOMESTIC

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WOMAN PRESENTS CASE TO GORE JURY

Mrs. Minnie Bond Says Her Health Impaired by Alleged Use of Drugs

NEVER GAVE CONJUGEMENT

Was Not Like Women He Was Used to Associating With.

MAINTAINS COMPOURE IN BOX

Oklahoman Tried to Pull Her Toward Him, She Says.

PLAINTIFF MAKES CHALLENGE

Attorney Offers to Let All Evidence as to Her Reputation Go to Jury if Permitted to At- tack Defendant.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Minnie Bond, who is suing United States Senator Thomas P. Gore for \$50,000 damages growing out of an alleged assault committed in a Washington hotel, took the witness stand today and told her version of her meeting with Senator Gore in Washington. The court room was crowded, the audience including many women.

Despite the ruling of Judge Clark yesterday that evidence as to incidents in the past life of each of the litigants was irrelevant, Attorney Gibbins, representing Mrs. Bond, offered to let all the evidence as to Mrs. Bond's character go before the jury without objection, provided the defense would not object to evidence offered against the character of Senator Gore. Counsel for the defense did not reply to the proposition.

Mrs. Bond Composed.

In telling her story of the alleged assault, Mrs. Bond was composed throughout. She first met the senator in 1909, she said, and again a short time later at a reception in Oklahoma City. At this latter meeting she discussed the appointment of her husband, Julian Bond, to the position of internal revenue collector. At that time, she said, the senator talked favorably of the appointment.

Meeting with Senator.

Reaching the time of the alleged assault, the witness said she had telephoned Senator Gore to come to her hotel. When the senator arrived she went with him to a room occupied by James Jacobs of Oklahoma. In their talk, she said, the senator asked many personal questions and tried to take her hand.

Concluding her direct examination, Mrs.

Bond testified she never had encouraged the senator in any attentions to her. She claimed her health has been impaired by the alleged attack.

On cross-examination the witness ad-

mitted she had been married to her former husband, a man named Farrar, two times, the second time because he had not been divorced when they first married in June, 1903. She said they had a child born in December, 1903, but she did not know what had become of it. The defense offered to introduce a copy of her petition for divorce from Farrar, but Judge Clark ruled it out.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Thursday, February 12, 1914.

The Senate.

Met at noon.
John G. Milburn testified on the bill to regulate stock exchanges before the banking committee.

Passed Senator Smoot's bill to open withdrawn Alaska coal land to homesteaders, reserving title to the coal to the government.

Immigration committee decided on a speedy report on the Burnett immigration bill.

Senator Bradley of Kentucky read Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Adjourned at 3:20 p. m. in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

The House.

Met at noon.
Set time aside for Lincoln memorial speech.

Democrat of the immigration committee prevented consideration of Asiatic exclusion bill.

Rural credits hearings arranged for next week by a subcommittee.

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BIRMINGHAM, England, Feb. 12.—The Carnegie library at Northfield, Worcestershire, six miles south of Birmingham, was today destroyed by fire, set by an arson squad of suffragettes. All the books were burned and only the shell of the building was left. Papers were found strewn around the place bearing the words, "To start your new library give women the vote."

DEMOS NOW SEE THE LIGHT

Rumor Has it that Gruenther and Loomis Will Be Named.

FIRST AS FEDERAL COLLECTOR

Loomis is Said to Be Slated to Succeed F. S. Howell as United States Attorney—No One Slated for Marshalship.

According to information in Omaha today, a truce has been declared between Bryan and Senator Hitchcock at Washington, which may result in the immediate appointment of several men to fill the vacancies in the federal offices here, as terms of the district attorney, marshal and collector of internal revenue have expired.

MATTERS' BONDS APPROVED

Two of Three Thousand Each Are Signed by George B. Darr.

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Iron Workers Deny Government's Right to Take an Appeal

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Three of the labor leaders who were granted new trials in the dynamite conspiracy cases by the federal court here, filed an answer today denying that the government had any right to ask for a reversal of the grant of their appeal. The men are Olaf Twitnoe of San Francisco, Richard H. Houlahan of Chicago and William Bernhardt of Cincinnati. They declare that the right to apply for rehearing in criminal cases is reserved to defendants.

WITNESSES TESTIFY FOR FORMER BANKER UNDER FIRE

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TAYLORVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—Five children, three boys and two girls, were born today to Mrs. Bertha Drury, wife of a Spencer county farmer. The girls died.

No Place for a Hoodoo



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

Two Million for Missouri River is New Item in Bill

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CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN CHICKEN THIEF BRINGS BACK SUBSTITUTE BIRD

Because his conscience kept smarting him over the theft of a chicken he stole three months ago, some man has returned to Miss Hannah Anderson, 2331 Chicago street, a fine dressed fowl and enclosed in the package a note, which contained the following message:

"As I am now rich, here is the return of the chicken which disappeared some time back. It was fine. Yours truly,
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Asserts "One-Man Machine is Kill- ing All of Us."

DIRECT CHARGE OF MURDER

Head of Detective Agency Accuses United Mine Workers.

QUOTES ITALIAN'S CONFESSION

He Says Zaccanelli Says He Killed Detective Belcher in Trinidad at Instigation of Organizer A. B. McGary.

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 12.—"We were worked to death and did not get the money for it," declared Pat Dunning, copper miner, today to the congressional investigating committee. His testimony related not only to mine working conditions, but also to alleged acts of imported "gunmen" after the strike in the village of Ahmeek, where he was marshal.

Charge of Murder.

DENVER, Feb. 12.—A direct charge that George W. Belcher was murdered in Trinidad by United Mine Workers of America, at the instigation of an organizer of the union, was made today by A. C. Felts, superintendent of the Baldwin-Felts detective agency. The killing of Belcher, a Baldwin-Felts detective, occurred November 20.

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Felts, the first witness of the day before the house committee investigating the Colorado coal mine strike, said that Louis Zaccanelli had confessed the murder in the presence of Judge Advocate Major Boughton and Adjutant General Chase.

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"How do you know that the killing was instigated by an organizer of the United Mine Workers?" demanded Representative Evans.

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