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FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

FEARS RAILWAY PLOT

ROOSEVELT ORDERS INQUIRY AS TO REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Belief is that Investigation of Alleged Stock Manipulation by Certain Roads Will Follow as Result of the President's Order.

President Roosevelt again threw consternation into the ranks of the so-called reactionaries Wednesday when he directed the interstate commerce commission to ascertain by proper inquiry why certain railroads in the United States are reducing the wages of employees.

The president's letter, in part, follows: The White House, Washington, D. C., Feb. 18, 1908.—To the Interstate Commerce Commission: I am informed that a number of railroad companies have served notice of a proposed reduction of wages on their employees. One of them, the Louisville and Nashville, in announcing the reduction, states that "the drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures" are largely or chiefly responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction.

Under such circumstances it is possible that the public may soon be confronted by serious industrial disputes and the law provides that in such cases either party may demand the services of your chairman and of the commissioner of labor as a board of mediation and conciliation. These reductions in wages may be warranted, or they may not. As to this, the public, which is a vitally interested party, can form no judgment without a more complete knowledge of the essential facts and real merits of the case than it now has, or than it can possibly obtain from the special pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their dispute should bring serious interruption of traffic. If the reduction in wages is due to natural causes, the loss of business being such that the burden should be, and is equitably distributed between capital and wage worker, the public and congress should know it, and if it is caused by misconduct in the past financial or other operations of any railroad, then everybody should know it, especially if the excuse of unfriendly legislation is advanced as a method of covering up past business misconduct by the railroad managers, or as a justification for failure to treat fairly the wage earning employees of the company.

KEEP COOLIES IN JAPAN.
Government to Practically Bar Emigrants.
The memorandum of the Japanese government in reply to that of the United States on the subject of emigration was handed to Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio Wednesday.
It is understood it agrees in general terms with a number of suggestions made by the American government and requires further restriction of emigration by a practical prohibition of the emigration of laborers.
Every evidence goes to prove the Japanese government has been unsparing in its efforts to avoid further complications arising from the emigration question, but the government is facing a powerful opposition from the emigration companies, who are behind the proposed resolution in the diet to curtail the foreign policy of Viscount Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs, toward China, America and Canada.

DEATH IN PAPER MONEY.
Germ Laden Bills Kill New York Hotel Clerk.
John McD. Hopkirk is dead at New York as the result of handling poisoned money. Hopkirk was manager of the Mills hotel No. 2 and from the money which he handled contracted malignant scarletina. Hopkirk acted as cashier of the hotel in which cheap lodgings are given to the poor, and in that capacity handled hundreds of dirty, germ laden bills coming from the slums of the city.

Suffragists to See Hughes.
Two hundred New York suffragists, headed by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, went before Gov. Hughes and did their best to win his favor to their cause. On the same train a large number of persons opposed to woman's suffrage went to Albany.

Sloux City Live Stock Markets.
Wednesday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beaver, \$5.59. Top hogs, \$4.35.

Chief Ranger Young Dead.
At Rochester, N. Y., Charles F. A. Young, grand chief ranger of the Foresters of America, died Wednesday at his home of typhoid pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days.

Farmer Killed by Former Tenant.
Z. E. Beemblossom was shot and killed at noon Wednesday on his farm, three miles north of Oklahoma City by J. C. Woodson, a former tenant, with whom he became involved in a quarrel.

IN REAL WAR SCARE.

St. Petersburg Alarmed at News from the Caucasus.

St. Petersburg dispatches state the alarmist reports of the possibility of hostilities between Russia and Turkey which have permeated all strata of Russian society have assumed the proportions of a veritable war scare, to which the sensational press is devoting its biggest headlines.

The situation is taken seriously not only in military circles, but also by conservative politicians. M. Gulechokoff, the leader of the majority in the duma, announced his intention Monday night of raising at the next meeting of the commission of national defense the question of the nation's readiness for war. This, he believes, is of the most vital importance, in view of the news from the Caucasus.

At Tiflis, reports have been received from Armenia that all the regular, or Turkish army reserve forces, in Van, Mush and other vilayets of Asia minor have been called to the colors and are proceeding rapidly for the frontier. At the same time a league of the Turkish revolutionary parties is increasing the revolutionary agitation. Appeals and proclamations are being made exhorting the population to protest in every way possible against the warlike plans of the sultan. The league holds that war would be especially disastrous at this time as there is a famine in Asia Minor.

At Tiflis the apprehension of hostilities has not abated. The Russian militia authorities have ordered that all horses in the Caucasus suitable for military purposes be registered. The doctors of Tiflis held a meeting recently and volunteered their services in case of war.

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ONLY THIRTY-TWO WIVES.
Arthur Hynes Confesses that He is Many Times a Bigamist.

Arthur Hynes, who has been sentenced at Bristol, Eng., for bigamy, confessed that he is the George Wiazhoff who, under various names, deceived and married more than a hundred women in the United States a few years ago, getting money from them all and deserting them as fast as they were married. It has been believed, for some time that Hynes was none other than Witzhoff, but not until now did he confirm the belief.

According to his story he had only thirty-two wives and not 100, and he adds that he used thirty different names. The principal field of his operations was New York City.

It was Hynes' conceit and love of notoriety that led to his confession. He says that he had his confession prepared in 1906 and he gave personal instruction about the editing of it when he made it public to the newspapers. He added a new preface to the old confession in which his latest exploits are enumerated.

FOR LOWER STOCK RATES.
Hearing of Corn Belt Meat Producers Resumed in Chicago.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty Monday resumed the hearing in the case of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association against the Missouri, Iowa and Illinois railroads in which the association seeks a reduction of interstate shipping rates on live stock in Iowa.

The hearing commenced some time ago in Des Moines and was continued until Monday. The case involved chiefly the railroads and Iowa stockmen, but the independent Iowa packers are represented in an intervening move against the stock growers and their efforts to get a reduction in rates.

\$300,000 in Purse.
A racing season of three months' duration for purses aggregating \$300,000 was determined on at the annual meeting of representatives of the Great Western Trotting circuit held Monday.

The meeting was attended by two representatives from each of the thirteen racing associations in the circuit.

Bryan Speaks at Indianapolis.
William J. Bryan addressed more than 4,000 men at Indianapolis, Ind., Sunday afternoon. His subject was "The Prince of Peace." His address was given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association.

Fallen Bank Reopens.
The Oregon Trust and Savings bank, of Portland, Ore., whose failure occurred several months ago, reopened for business Wednesday under the name of the German-American bank, with which it had been merged.

Standard Oil Dividend.
The directors of the Standard Oil company Monday declared quarterly dividends of \$15 per share, the same as paid in the corresponding quarter last year.

Cotton Mills Running Full Time.
The cotton mills of the Peppers Manufacturing company and York Manufacturing company in Saco, Mass., went back to full time Monday. About 6,000 operatives are affected.

Resume Work at Wellsville, O.
Nearly all the industrial concerns, employing 2,500 men in Wellsville, O., and vicinity, have resumed operations after being closed down for a number of weeks.

MOVE TO CUT WAGES.

All Railroads West of Chicago Serve Notice.

Notices of a reduction in wages of all employes of all railroad lines west of Chicago have been given to officials of unions having wage agreements with the companies, according to a Chicago dispatch, President A. B. Stickney and Charles H. F. Smith, receivers of the Chicago Great Western, served notice Tuesday on W. J. Trout, business agent of the Switchmen's union, that a general wage conference had been called for St. Paul on March 9th.

This movement on the part of the railroads threatens to open a widespread wage controversy. Engineers, firemen, brakemen and conductors have agreed to make a stubborn resistance against a cut in wages.

The Cincinnati Southern served notice on its switchmen several days ago that it wants the wage schedule question discussed with a view to reducing the present scale. J. B. Connors, vice president of the Switchmen's union, has gone from Detroit to Cincinnati to confer with union officials there.

Officials of the Gould system issued orders from Denver to reduce the wages of all employes on its lines dating from March 14.

Local No. 1 of the Order of Railway Conductors of Chicago has voted unanimously to resist all efforts to reduce the present scale.

The wage committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers has issued a call for a wage conference to be held in Cleveland next week. A large number of lay delegates from the various locals will be asked to bring in reports.

IN A PITIABLE CONDITION.
Three Survivors of the Wrecked Sloop Teckla Arrive at Noah Bay.

A dispatch to Seattle, Wash., from Noah Bay says: The crew of the little sloop Teckla, lying at anchor here, was started Monday night by a feebly from a steel lifeboat drawing up slowly in a light breeze. In the boat were the forms of four men, three living and one dead, the survivors of the American ship Emily Reed, wrecked off the coast of Oregon, 200 miles from Noah Bay. The living survivors were in a pitiable condition from hunger and thirst, for they had no food since last Sunday night, nor any water since they left the wrecked Reed Friday morning.

WILL BE TRIPLE HANGING.
Sentence of Missouri Murderers is Affirmed by Supreme Court.

The Missouri supreme court Tuesday affirmed the sentences imposed in the lower court against three men convicted of murder, and fixed the date for the execution of the three on the gallows for April 3.

The convicted men are: William Jeffrey, St. Charles county, for killing a person in attempting to commit a robbery; Frank Daly, alias A. C. Biles, of Kansas City, for the murder of Robert Harvey by giving him poisoned whiskey in St. Louis; John Baker (colored), of Boone county, for killing a negro and wounding two other while shooting at another negro.

TWO KILLED IN A RIOT.
Six Others Are Seriously Hurt in a Fight in a Mining Town.

Two men were killed and six others seriously injured in a riot at Dunbar, Pa., Monday night. Two of the wounded were foreigners. Forty-five persons were arrested by the police, who were called to quell the disturbance.

According to one of those arrested the trouble started over rivalry between two boarding houses conducted by foreigners. It is said that six Croatians who lived in a box car went to an old homestead, which another gang of foreigners had turned into a boarding house, and after battering down the doors started a fight.

Three Men Are Killed.
At Wharton, N. J., an explosion in the mixture department of the General Explosive company Tuesday killed three men, demolished the building and broke nearly every window in the stores and residences in Wharton and some windows in Dover, two miles distant.

Russian Troops for Frontier.
Preliminary orders have been issued from St. Petersburg to carry out the plan for a formidable military demonstration on the Turko-Persian frontier, involving the organization of a compact expedition of 80,000 men.

Found Dead in Bath Tub.
Former Lieut. Gov. Ernest Cady was found dead in the bath tub at his home at Hartford, Conn., Sunday. Death was due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

Morse Pleads Not Guilty.
Charles W. Morse, of New York, a former banker, Monday indicted on a charge of perjury, Tuesday entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$10,000 bail.

Entombed Men Rescued.
All but one of the twenty-eight miners entombed Monday in the Mid-Valley colliery near Pottsville, Pa., by the breaking of a drift arm were rescued alive early Tuesday.

Nebraska State News

STOCK TRAINS DELAYED.

Snow is Heaviest in Twenty Years in Eastern Nebraska.

Following a continuous fall of snow lasting twenty hours, accompanied by a wind which heaped it into drifts and almost tied up all kinds of street traffic, the mercury began a downward course at Omaha Tuesday evening. All railroad trains were late and in some instances the morning overland trains did not reach Omaha until evening.

Nearly fourteen inches of snow fell, the heaviest in twenty years. There was a heavy run of live stock at the yards Tuesday and much suffering from the storm was the result. Several stock trains which have been on the road since Monday have not reached the yards. Live stock is being hastily unloaded as it arrives and rushed to feeding pens.

A Lincoln special says: The storm which broke over southeastern Nebraska early Tuesday morning and prevailed furiously during the day, continued Tuesday night with but slightly decreased intensity. In Lincoln snow fell to the depth of nine inches, drifting badly in places and all but bringing street traffic to a standstill.

Southeast of Lincoln as far as the Missouri river the storm was worse. At Beatrice and Nebraska City the snowfall amounted to ten inches, and the wind blew a gale. Westward of the storm was severe as far as Hastings, and northwest to Aurora. While snow had been predicted, the high wind and low temperature was unexpected, and farmers were caught unprepared.

BLAIR CONTEST IS INTERESTING.
Plans Under Way to Have More Corn Contestants Next Year.

The Washington county farmers' institute at Blair last night closed a most successful meeting at Blair Saturday. Superintendent Rhodes was elected general manager to conduct a local contest and prepare a county exhibit for the National Corn Exposition. Mr. Rhodes expects to have 300 boys and men in his class. Herald Theerkelsen, who won first prize in the Washington county boys' contest, brought back his prize corn to use as seed for his exhibit at the National Corn Exposition. The fact that the first prize at Chicago netted the winner over \$7,000 sounds well to the boys.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Eph Lippincott, president; John Broderson, C. C. Van Dusen and Olan Athan, vice presidents; John Rhodes, county superintendent, was elected as manager of the corn exhibit to be given at the next session of the institute.

KANT-BE-BEAT HOG CIRCUIT.
Records of Sales in Nebraska Broken for Duroc-Jersey.

The "Kant-be-beat" circuit of Duroc-Jersey bred sows, the last sale of which was made at Holdrege Saturday, broke several records and is no doubt the greatest circuit of the season. On Wednesday Mr. Gilbert Van Patten sold at Sutton thirty head at the good average of \$143.25, the top price being \$780. On Thursday George Briggs & Son, at Clay Center broke all previous world's records for bred sows, selling thirty head at an average of \$250.65 per head. The top price was \$1,500 for the great sweepstakes sow, Clay Center Belle.

K. OF C. INITIATED.
New Council of Seventy Members Organized in Hastings.

Knights of Columbus from throughout Nebraska and a number from Kansas City, Denver, Cheyenne and other places outside of the state, assembled at Hastings Sunday for the institution of the local council. The gathering was probably the largest ever held in the order in Nebraska, being about 400 persons present.

There were over seventy candidates for initiation, and while a majority were citizens of Hastings, there were a number from Sutton, Harvard, Lawrence, Blue Hill and other nearby places.

Must Answer to Uncle Sam.
Charles Barrett and William R. Herrick, of Kearney, against whom complaints were filed by the county attorney a few days ago, have now been summoned to answer to a writ, as the internal revenue department has taken up the charges. They are charged with the selling of liquor without a license and to minors.

Real Estate is High.
High prices still continue for Saunders' real estate. At public auction this week the Jacob Olson farm, near Ashland, was purchased by Barney E. Barry for \$127 an acre. Another farm of 120 acres, near the town of Memphis, recently sold for \$115 an acre.

Lillie Returned for Trial.
James Lillie, wanted at Beatrice for assaulting and robbing Thomas Martin of \$75 on the highway near Mr. Martin's home in Sherman township Monday night, was returned to Beatrice by Sheriff Trade. Lillie is regarded as a tough citizen.

Newport Saloon Keepers Leave.
Complaint was filed a few days ago in justice court in Newport, charging Edward Gardner and William Purdy, saloonkeepers in Newport, with selling liquor to minors. These men got news of the intended prosecution and closed their saloons and left town in the night.

Former Seward Man Killed.
At Los Angeles, Cal., the Rev. Edwin Bond, aged 78, a retired minister from Seward, was struck and almost instantly killed by a car on the West Temple street line Sunday.

NEGRO KILLS POLICEMAN.

Shoots Omaha Officer and is Fatally Wounded by Victim's Comrade.

Detective Sam Drummy, of the Omaha police force, was shot and killed Saturday evening in South Omaha by a negro named Jones, whom he was trying to arrest. Detective Sullivan, of Omaha, and Capt. Shields, of the South Omaha police force, who accompanied Drummy, at once opened fire on the negro, fatally wounding him. Jones was released from the Nebraska penitentiary only a week ago, where he had served a term for larceny.

The officers were trying to arrest Jones for shooting Patrolman Dan Lahey in Omaha the previous night. Lahey noticed the negro standing in the door of a house at Thirteenth and Chicago streets late at night. He approached for the purpose of investigation when the negro suddenly drew a pistol and fired. The policeman reached for the pistol and the bullet went through his right hand. The negro escaped, but was located in South Omaha. Jones is at a hospital with a bullet in his head, and is not expected to survive.

TO WRECK STARCH WORKS.

Chicago Owners Will Tear Down Plant at Nebraska City.

S. Krug and T. J. Pendergraft of Chicago, who purchased all of the holdings of the Corn Product company at Nebraska City, known as the Argo Starch works, have been there to look the plant over. They tried to sell it to the Commercial club at \$28,000, but failing to do this will begin the wrecking of the plant.

This plant was built at a cost of something like \$250,000 and sold to the starch trust for several millions. They closed the plant shortly after the election of President Roosevelt and it has remained closed since that time and allowed to go to decay. There is nothing left but the buildings.

The Commercial club wanted to purchase the plant if it could have been secured at a reasonable cost and put another industry therein, but the wreckers stated they must have their price or wreck the same, and those looking after the purchase have concluded the men have a contract which calls for the wrecking of the building rather than its sale.

NEBRASKA FARMER MISSING.

Friends Unable to Locate Frank Gaster, of Cuming County.

Frank Gaster, a middle aged farmer living on a farm near West Point, midway between Beemer and West Point, has mysteriously disappeared. After supper on Wednesday evening he left home ostensibly to call on his brother-in-law and neighbor, Max Gehrbard. Failing to return on Thursday morning it was ascertained that he had been at Gehrbard's the proceeding night. Organized search was made, but without result.

The father of Mr. Gaster died some weeks ago, and during his sickness Gaster stayed at his bedside constantly, depriving himself of needed rest and sleep, and almost breaking down physically in his zeal for his father's comfort. It may be that the burden and strain of his long vigil has unsettled his mind and he has wandered away, otherwise no reason can be given for his disappearance.

BEN GOSSARD IS SET FREE.
Former Red Willow County Treasurer Acquitted of Embezzlement.

At McCook, at 10:30 Saturday morning, after twenty-three hours of deliberation, the jury in the case of ex-treasurer of Red Willow county, Ben Gossard, returned a verdict of not guilty. The first ballot stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

Gossard was on trial for the embezzlement of some \$6,000 of Red Willow county funds and the feeling over the result of the trial is intense.

Riprap Work Completed.
Hollis Wentworth, superintendent of the riprap construction of the Northwestern railroad, which is now being put along the banks of the Missouri river, has completed the bridge at Blair, laid off 95 men Saturday, paying them over \$3,000. They have been employed about 150 men nearly all winter, putting in over 2,000 lineal feet of matting on both sides of the river at a cost of over \$40,000.

Beldan Man Loses Family.
M. J. Johnston and wife, of Beldan were called to the bedside of Mrs. Johnston's mother in Wisconsin, taking their 2-year-old daughter with them. The third day their girl died of pneumonia contracted en route. The next day Mrs. Johnston's mother died. Mrs. Johnston is now a raving maniac in an asylum in Wisconsin. Her hair turned snow white from the shock.

Serum for Hog Cholera.
Dr. W. B. Niles, of Ames, Ia., at inspector of the agricultural department, arrived at Fremont Saturday to investigate hog cholera, of which there have been a number of cases. Dr. Niles has an anti-toxin which he believes will prove a boon to farmers throughout the country. It is a preventive at one stage and a cure at another. The serum is not yet on the market.

Kempin Found Guilty of Robbery.
William Kempin, held on a charge of entering and robbing the Oshkosh drug store at Oshkosh on the night of Sept. 27, 1907, pleaded guilty at Chicago Tuesday before County Attorney L. O. Pfeffer. The goods, which consisted of watches, chains, rings, bracelets and other jewelry, was valued at \$550. The sentence has not yet been given.

Saloon War at Beemer.
The village of Beemer is in the throes of a saloon war. Screens have been removed and Sunday closing inaugurated. This was done in compliance with a petition presented to the saloonkeepers by a body of representative citizens. The saloonkeepers did not comply very cheerfully, but under protest, and much bad feeling is being manifested. Threats of boycott I have been freely made by the saloon element.

STATE LEGISLATION

WORK OF CONGRESS

Gov. Sheldon is going to stop the "dope" habit at the state penitentiary. He is going to prevent prisoners from securing morphine or other drugs, even if he has to deny visitors admittance to the institution, including workers in the broom factory. At his suggestion Dr. Griffin, the prison physician, has just made an investigation of the institution with a view to finding out how many prisoners are "dope" users. His report says the penitentiary is not a reformatory, but a "dope" house. He gave the names of twelve prisoners only who are habitual "dope" fiends, but said that probably 150 prisoners in all use drugs.

Gov. Sheldon has talked the matter over with the members of the board of public lands and buildings, and all agree that drastic measures must be taken to break up the habit. Warden Beemer has tried to vainly to prevent the prisoners from getting morphine and Gov. Mickey also tried to break up the practice, but he too, was unsuccessful. The governor is seriously considering having Dr. Griffin declare the institution under quarantine and refuse to permit anyone from either going in the prison or leaving it until the habit is broken up. Just how the prisoners get the drugs has not yet been discovered, but before he concludes his investigations the governor expects to discover just who is at fault.

John Martin, sentenced to the penitentiary for five years about two years ago, was released in time to become Miss Anna Anderson's valetine. That is the way Gov. Sheldon figured it out when he commuted Martin's sentence. Miss Anderson has been camping on the trail of the governor for several weeks to secure the release of the man whom she says she loves sufficiently to furnish the money to start him in business and to look after him in the future. When the governor finally informed her that he would give her Martin, the woman cried for joy. Martin was convicted of working the old padlock game at Lincoln. His companion in the deal served only one year. Gov. Sheldon granted a hearing on the application of the woman, and reached the conclusion that Martin had been punished sufficiently.

The state railway commission Tuesday afternoon submitted to the attorney general a list of the parties to whom transportation had been issued by the Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific railroads. The transportation was issued by reason of the recipient being a railroad attorney, a railroad surgeon or by reason of railroad advertising published in a newspaper. The commission requested the attorney general to take what action he deemed proper. The attorney general answered that he would bring suit against the railroads and he would instruct the various county attorneys to file charges against the parties mentioned in the several counties. The penalty upon conviction is a fine from \$100 to \$10,000.

The state will pay the sheriff of Douglas county 19 cents a day for feeding prisoners after they are convicted and previous to being taken to the penitentiary. The state will pay the sheriff of other counties 60 cents a day for feeding prisoners. Sheriff Bradley took the matter up with Deputy Auditor Cook several days ago, before filing his vouchers, in order to get a ruling, as the statute does not set out clearly what is to be paid to Douglas county. Mr. Cook appealed to the attorney general, who decided that the price paid the sheriff by the county commissioners of Douglas county should be the price paid by the state.

Attorney General Thompson has received word from Grand Island that the Hall county district court had decided against the state in the case where the right of the board of public lands and buildings to assess members of the soldiers' home a per cent of their pensions was the issue. The state maintained that the board had this right. The state will at once appeal the case to the supreme court. The peculiar feature of the suit is that the board by its recent ruling assessed the old soldiers less money than they had heretofore paid to the home, but no objection was made until the board made its new ruling.

Some time ago the state house janitors at Lincoln got thrifty and sold some old papers and books stored in the basement of the capitol to a paper factory. A few days ago a lawyer wrote to the secretary of state for a copy of the census of his county for 1855. Now, it happened that the report from each county was in a separate report, but the reports of all the counties had been stapled together. The janitors thought this good prey and the whole bundle was sold. The secretary of state could find no other record in the building.

Thomas McFulgus, sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for murder in the second degree from Douglas county, was released Feb. 11, after having served four years, nine months and twenty days. Gov. Sheldon commuted his sentence to six years, which brought about his release on the date mentioned. McFulgus was convicted for the murder of one Murphy in a row which began in a saloon.

At the close of business Tuesday the warrant indebtedness of the state of Nebraska amounted to \$34,405.09, or about the yearly income of an Omaha lawyer. During the last week the treasurer issued four calls for warrants and Wednesday he took up \$15,000 more in warrants, which will reduce the debt a little more. In the meantime, however, he is registering some warrants, but the amount registered in the last few days is only nominal and cuts little figure in the aggregate.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance, opened the debate in the Senate on his bill to provide an emergency currency. In the galleries was a large audience, among others J. Pierpont Morgan. Senator Foraker made reply to the President's statement concerning the use of the appointing power for political purposes and had letters read showing the President's attitude in one case. Senator Dewey defended the course of the Secretary of the Treasury in depositing public funds in New York banks. The criminal code bill was again considered. A fiery speech by Mr. Leake of New Jersey, in which he outlined his opposition to William J. Bryan as a candidate for the presidency, relieved somewhat the monotony of debate in the House. His remarks were greeted with hisses from the Democratic side of the House. The Indian appropriation bill was amended so that the commissioner of Indian affairs, before he carries out the policy of abandoning reservation schools, shall investigate the question fully and report to the House. Another amendment restored the appropriations for the Indian schools at Fort Lewis, Colo.; Carson City, Nev., and Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Debate on the Aldrich currency bill in the Senate Tuesday was followed with interest by many bankers in the galleries. The discussion was directed chiefly toward the provision for railroad bonds as a basis for emergency circulation, a wide difference of opinion being developed concerning the method that should be adopted in determining the valuation to be given such bonds as well as opposition to the use of such security under any terms. The bill was finally read through and committee amendments incorporated, it being understood that the entire bill is to be subject to amendment hereafter. Interest in the proceedings of the House attached to a criticism of the President by Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, for having, as Mr. Tawney charged, appointed the inland waterways commission without authority of law. The debate was on the urgent deficiency bill and new one of a Senate amendment to pay John H. Bankhead, now Senator from Alabama, for his services on the commission. The House refused to accept the amendment. In a vigorous speech Mr. Harrison of New York condemned Secretary of State Root for his manner of handling the negotiations with Russia regarding passports to Russian Jewish citizens of the United States, while Mr. Lowden of Illinois defended the Secretary. The Indian appropriation bill was amended in several important particulars. Another of the large supply measures, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, was reported.

Senator Rayner of Maryland spoke at length in the Senate Wednesday on the currency bill. The Senate devoted two hours to considering the criminal code bill. The tariff question and the President's message were the principal themes of discussion in the House. In the course of the concluding debate on the Indian appropriation bill the proceedings were enlivened by Messrs. Hamill and Leake of New Jersey, both Democrats, discussing the virtues and faults of William J. Bryan.

The Senate Thursday discussed the law governing the reserves of national banks, that subject being brought up by Senator Rayner. The criminal code bill also was a subject of discussion, Senator Clay also was among those securing the substitution of the old law instead of the proposed revised sections, which will effectually prevent interfering liquor license through the mails. "dry" States or counties. General debate on the legislative appropriation bill was brought to a close in the House. Several speeches were made on the issues of the day, the most notable being by Champ Clark of Missouri. Other speakers were Rainey, Illinois; Turrell, Massachusetts; Gillett, Massachusetts, and Hammond, Indiana, all of whom discussed various phases of the tariff question.

The Senate Friday gave attention to a speech on the Aldrich currency bill by Senator Clay of Georgia. Mr. Clay's declaration in favor of the issuance of paper money by the government provoked a controversy between him and Republican Senators. Senators Lodge and Teller both gave their views on the policy of issuing paper money by the government. At 2:30 p. m. the Senate adjourned until Monday. Oratory in the House gave way to legislation, with the result that material progress was made in the executive, legislative and judicial bill. It met with comparatively smooth sailing until on points of order by Mr. Macon of Arkansas the proposed increases in salaries of the assistant secretaries of the several departments were stricken out. Mr. Macon explained his action by saying that an appropriation bill was not the place for such legislation. With nearly two-thirds of the bill disposed of, the House adjourned.

The Senate was not in session Saturday. Discussion in the House dwelt mainly on amendments providing for increases in the salaries of the surveyor general of the several States. In each case the amendment was rejected. But little progress with the bill had been made when the House adjourned until Monday.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.
Fire at Rochester, Pa., caused a loss of \$65,000.

Fire did \$250,000 damage in the business section of Rome, N. Y.

More than \$250,000 in the treasury of New York City, owing to former employees, has not been called for.

Two thousand Italian citizens held a mass meeting in New York to devise means to fight the "black hand."

The New York health authorities admit that there are at least fifty cases of hydrophobia being treated in New York.