

EPITOME OF EVENTS

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES
FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events
In Which Readers Generally Are
More or Less Concerned.

Washington.

President Taft's message to the special session of congress was included in about 1,000 words.

A new counterfeit ten dollar note, a photograph production of the buffalo note, cleverly executed, was announced by the secret service.

G. R. Colton, governor of Porto Rico, sailed for home. He will go to Washington to consult with President Taft and the war department with reference to the affairs of the island.

Following a meeting of the democrats of the house on the ways and means committee, Chairman Underwood expressed the belief that no tariff legislation or method of procedure would be laid before the house for several days.

The situation on the Mexican border is to be the subject of a speech in the senate by Senator Rayner of Maryland. Mr. Rayner informed the senate he would consider the question not only as it involves Mexico, but Japan as well.

When the national republican convention meets in 1912 there will be one name before it, William Howard Taft, predicted Chauncey M. Depew, former senator from New York, to the republican club in his first public utterance since the election of his successor.

The president sent to the senate the following appointments of postmasters in Nebraska: William B. Swindell, Minnatare; William W. McGaw, Wilsontonville; John M. McGuire, Benson; James H. Logan, Ponca; Timothy C. Cronin, Spalding; E. S. Davis, North Platte; Otto Zuelow, Schuyler; Aaron W. Locks, Falls City; Charles S. Hughes, Pender; Lewis S. McKughlin, Emerson.

The advantage of striking when the iron is hot applies to the necessity for arranging peace in Mexico now, in the opinion of Dr. Vasquez Gomez, head of the confidential agency of the Mexican revolutionists in Washington. Dr. Gomez pointed out that it was most opportune to treat for peace, but that a month from now, possibly two months, the revolution probably will have reached such proportions as to make nothing but a complete triumph and the capture of Mexico City acceptable.

General.

President Diaz says he will step aside if the people so wish.

Troops at San Antonio are declared to be under perfect discipline.

The president's message to congress was limited to reciprocity.

Americans think the troops of Diaz in northern Mexico are bottled up.

The country's trade movement is slow, but the future outlook is bright.

Senator Depew says that Taft is sure to be renominated for president.

The army maneuvers in Texas are proving of great benefit to the troops.

Fifty men and boys lost their lives in a coal mine near Scranton, Pa., by fire.

A bill to restore the army caisson was introduced by Representative Bartholdt of Missouri.

A policy of conciliation has been agreed to by the two factions of the republican party in the senate.

Oklahoma state school land commission has announced it will sell 1,535,862 acres, beginning June 23.

Premier Giovanna Gioiotti presented his associates in the new cabinet to the Italian parliament.

H. H. Kohlhaas gave the name of the man who said a corruption fund had been raised to elect Lorimer.

Members of the Brooklyn institute which expelled Dr. Cook, elected Admiral Peary to honorary membership.

A resolution ratifying the income tax amendment to the federal constitution was adopted by the Tennessee senate.

Nebraska's three democratic members of the house fared well in the committee assignments which were reported to the caucus.

Henry Suits, aged 105 years, died at Council Bluffs, Ia. He built the first house in Omaha and has resided in Council Bluffs 58 years.

Fire that destroyed the carpet making plant of the Cochrane Manufacturing company at East Dedham, Mass., caused a loss estimated at \$200,000.

The price of wheat advanced in the Chicago pit as a result of European war talk.

Republicans scored a victory in the municipal election at St. Louis.

Republican insurgents in the house are disposed to act independently.

Senator Brown will offer a resolution to admit Arizona and New Mexico.

There is certain to be a revival of the Lorimer case in the national senate.

The country is confronted with a republican senate and democratic house.

A bill to legalize boxing contests has been introduced in the Colorado house.

Friends of the Aldrich currency plan are to conduct a campaign in its favor.

Booker T. Washington has purchased a summer home on Long Island.

Democrats in congress have outlined a big lot of work for the extra session.

The president is to push Canadian reciprocity to the exclusion of everything else.

The government suffered a setback in its prosecution of Alaska coal land cases at Seattle.

The Massachusetts house of representatives rejected the bill granting suffrage to women.

Carter Harrison, democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago by a majority around 18,000.

Rudolph Forster has been appointed chief clerk of the executive offices at the White House.

The annual boat race between Harvard and Yale will be rowed at New London on Friday, June 30.

Speaker Champ Clark in his speech announced the pledges which the democratic majority must keep.

The supreme court disappointed a big crowd by failing to rule on the Standard Oil and tobacco cases.

No progress has been made toward catching the men who dynamited the Springfield, Mass., municipal building.

Dr. L. H. Murlin, president of Baker university, Baldwin, Kans., has accepted the presidency of Boston university.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer has employed a commission to install scientific management in the navy yard shops.

The Nebraska senate passed a resolution asking the regents to discharge the head of the university extension bureau.

Governor Hadley, of Missouri, has vetoed the immigrant board bill on the grounds that it was a political measure.

Robert E. Davey, the Boston boy broker, is being brought back from Brazil for trial on the charge of embezzlement.

Mayor Gaynor has appointed a committee of 140 leading citizens to arrange for a safe and sane Fourth of July in New York.

The archbishop of Canterbury will be asked to start a great religious movement in favor of the Anglo-American arbitration.

"General" Stanley, the American leader of the rebels in Lower California, took full command of the insurgents of Mexicali.

The British cruisers Kent and Challenger arrived at Valparaiso, Chile, bringing the special representatives of King George on a visit of courtesy.

Harvard college has been hit by an epidemic of the German measles, and half a hundred students are now under treatment in the college infirmary.

B. F. Bush, president of the Western Maryland railway, has been selected to succeed George J. Gould, as president of the Missouri Pacific railway.

Governor Dix, of New York, has vetoed a \$50,000 appropriation to promote the Grand Army of the Republic national encampment in Rochester next August.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey at the house of Mrs. Rumsey's mother, Mrs. E. H. Harriman. Mrs. Rumsey is the daughter of the late E. H. Harriman.

Officials of the Southern Pacific railroad declined to discuss the report that the Rothschilds had taken an option on the railroad holdings of the Associated Oil company for \$20,000,000.

The hull of the sunken battleship Maine in Havana harbor will be exposed not later than June 1, according to Frank M. Daniels, the contractor who built the coffer dams around the ship.

Herbert George Lee, aged thirty-eight, said to have been a prominent dentist of Des Moines and of a well-to-do family, was imprisoned for daylight robbery and subsequently sentenced to the state prison.

Personal.

Senator Cummins favors overhauling the civil service laws.

Congressman Norris refused to enter the republican house caucus.

If the Lorimer case is revived in the senate the verdict may be different.

Senator Norris in committee has asked for a boost in Browne's chairmanship.

Secretary Wilson is diligent in his enforcement of the pure food and drug act.

Secretary MacVeagh is an advocate of a civil pension list.

Mr. Bryan visited the president and the two conferred for an hour.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has made sweeping changes in the railway mail service.

Minority Leader Mann has asked for more time in making up his committee of the house.

Representative Mann, of Illinois, was made minority leader at the republican house caucus.

W. J. Bryan will inform a Tennessee delegation he has no intention of leaving Lincoln as his home.

THE CLOSING HOURS

BOTH HOUSES VERY BUSY AS
END DRAWS NIGH.

ADJOURNMENT NEAR AT HAND

First Night Session of Senate Spent
in the Passage of Sixteen Ap-
propriation Bills.

The ancient and honorable ceremony of stopping the clock was performed in the house Thursday night at just a quarter past ten. Officially it will remain 10:15 o'clock of April 6 until Saturday night or possibly Monday to enable the legislature to make good the report of its conference committee in adjournment upon the 6th.

The senate spent its first night session in passing appropriation bills, the 16 appropriation bills passed carrying a total of \$394,440.80.

The bills passed provide \$2,000 for marking the Oregon trail, \$5,000 for a state building inspector, \$12,000 for a heating plant for the school for the blind at Nebraska City, \$100,000 for the medical school at Omaha, \$3,000 for the relief of W. A. Philpot, \$15,000 for sewer and water main construction at Wayne, \$75,000 for weak school districts, \$600 for the relief of Louise Rollins, an employe at the institute for the feeble-minded at Beatrice, \$15,000 for connecting the city water main and the school for the deaf at Omaha, \$40,000 for a hospital for indigent tuberculosis sufferers, to be established west of the 99th meridian; \$2,000 for the purchase of land for the school for the blind, \$100,000 for two new buildings at the Lincoln asylum for the insane, \$340.80 to pay for paving at the orthopedic hospital in Lincoln, \$12,500 for the purchase of ten acres of land for the school for the deaf, \$55,000 for a new wing on the Kearney normal building and \$6,500 for repairs at the state fish hatchery.

The senate also passed house roll No. 34, Fuller's bill providing that counties build their own bridges if costing less than \$500 each. The hotel commission bill was also passed. This provides a new official, a hotel commissioner, at \$1,800 a year.

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VETO IS HELD GOOD.

Sunday Base Bill Fails to Pass
the House.

The Sunday base bill failed to pass the house over the governor's veto. The vote stood 54 to 40 and the fans could not muster six more votes to make the necessary three-fifths. A long struggle had been expected, but the first roll call showed conclusively what the result would be. The six absentees were, four for the bill and two against, and there would have been no object in bringing in the missing. It was believed that Cronin, Sagl, Smith and Minor would have supported the bill, but Moody and Waite were against it and that made it impossible to get sixty affirmative votes.

The vote was directly along party lines except for six members of each party. The six republicans who failed to support the governor were Prince, Haller, Nuttmann, Hasik and Kent. The six democrats who were for the governor and against the bill were Quackenbush, Gandy, Lindsey, Norton, Potts and Taylor of Hitchcock.

In reply to a statement published by J. C. Byrnes declaring that the governor was alone and "dead wrong" in his opposition to the Bartling bill, the governor said:

"J. C. Byrnes is entirely responsible for the failure of the base bill. He declared openly that he would put up a proposition that would beat, no matter what I did with it. The intelligent base bill enthusiasts know that I meant what I said when I promised to sign the Leidligh bill if they would fix that up and pass it, and also promised that I would sign the Bartling bill if amended. I tried to get the amendment made and most of the representatives were willing to vote for it, but Byrnes threw his influence against it. If any one person is to blame for the fact that we cannot have Sunday base bill, it is Byrnes himself. I was willing to do my part of it."

To Inspect State Buildings.

Under the provisions of a resolution introduced by Senator Selleck of Lancaster and adopted by the senate, the governor is authorized to appoint an expert, preferably one connected with the supervision and construction of buildings for the United States to make a full investigation of all alleged defective state buildings and report to the governor and board of public lands and buildings. It is understood the inspection is desired by George Berlingof, the architect whose work at Norfolk and Hastings was criticised by house and senate committees which investigated the structures built for the state.

Governor Appoints Legislators.

Governor Aldrich sent the following as the names of his appointees of legislators who are to visit the exposition at San Francisco, without expense to the state: Senators Jansen, and Volpp, Representatives, Bushee, Matrau, Stebbins and Weesner. Under a resolution adopted by the senate the governor was asked to appoint a delegation of legislators including the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house, to visit San Francisco in advance of the exposition and to report on whether or not it is advisable for Nebraska to have a state exhibit at the exposition.

Biltzer Gets the Flag.

The house presented the big flag which hangs back of the speaker's chair to Colonel L. A. Biltzer, assistant sergeant at arms of the house. The presentation was made after the reading of a resolution by Captain Matrau reciting the valiant services of Colonel Biltzer in the civil war. The gift was by unanimous vote.

Bills Hurried Through.

The senate on Tuesday morning passed 17 house bills, including the Hardin pure seed bill.

Lancaster to Sue State.

A resolution introduced by Selleck of Lancaster, which was adopted, gives permission once more for the county of Lancaster to sue the state to recover a mixture of state and county funds lost in the Capital National bank of Lincoln in the year 1903. The amount alleged to be due the county is \$5,000.

The Judiciary Bill.

The nonpartisan judiciary bill was vetoed by the governor and the senate promptly passed it over the veto by a vote of 20 to 12. The veto stands for the house failed to pass the bill over the governor's objection by a margin of 9 votes, the roll call standing 50 to 41.

Costs of Disarmament.

The senate passed senate file No. 199, by Tibbets, which provides for the taxing of court costs in disbarment and contempt proceedings. The costs are to be charged to the county in which the action is begun, except when the informer is proved to have acted in bad faith.

No Charter Revision.

Lincoln will have no charter revision at this session of the legislature. The bill passed the senate, but on reaching the house it was found to have defects that it is now too late to remedy.

Nothing Doing.

An effort was made by the house to reconsider the vote by which the regents were authorized to apply for and accept the Carnegie foundation for superannuated professors. The motion was defeated.

STORM IN CONGRESS

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WORKING AT ODDS.

BRYAN DIVIDES DEMOCRATS

Sharp Line Drawn Between Conserva-
tives and Progressives, With Out-
come in the Dark.

Washington.—It is daily becoming manifest that congress is facing a stormy session and there can be made no forecast of the probable legislative results. The fact that both of the great political parties are divided is no longer denied and the leaders appear to have little hope of restoring anything more than surface harmony.

There are virtually four parties, each with a large representation, working at odds in the present session. The republican minority of the house is divided between regulars and insurgents as was evidenced by the vote in the speakership contest. The breach between these two factions is even wider in the republican majority of the senate.

A sharp line has been drawn between the conservative democrats of the senate, who are opposed to any attempt at dictation by William Jennings Bryan and the progressive democrats, including practically all of the new members and several veterans, like Senator Stone of Missouri, who are Bryan adherents. The house democratic majority seems to have escaped a break, but the leaders fear the party contest in the senate may at any time spread to the other branch. The situation has interfered with the selection of committees and the beginning of legislative work.

Probably there never has been a congress where so much uncertainty existed and where the uneasiness has been so equally distributed between the two major political parties. Of course, this is due, in part, to the fact that in the present congress the democrats are in power in the house and the republicans are in control of the senate.

The real cause of the anxiety is believed to be due to the proximity of the party conventions which will select the standard bearers for 1912 and the knowledge that a slip by either in the extraordinary session or the regular session to follow may very easily determine the result of the next national campaign.

So far as the administration program is concerned there is no room for speculation. President Taft has recommended the enactment of legislation to carry out provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and it is no secret he would be glad to have congress stop at that and defer the question of further revision until the regular session assemblies next winter. His reason for this is that the tariff board will be able to report several schedules by that time.

Neither is there any obscurity about the program of Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, chairman of the new ways and means committee, and other democrats who are directing the policy of the house. Their plan for progressive legislation on several subjects with which the country has been familiar in the last year or so, has been given out.

Guerrilla Chief Is Killed. Mexicali, Mex.—Stanley Williams, the guerrilla leader, who was wounded in the spectacular assault when his little force of 80 men engaged the entire Eighth battalion of the Mexican army, died Sunday in the improvised hospital established by the United States troops at Calexico.

Together with the other dead brought from the battlefield five miles away, the fallen chieftain was buried in the little graveyard at Mexicali, just behind the breastworks. Williams' death was caused by a missile that plowed through the head at the base of the skull, tearing away the rear portion of the brain.

Teddy Don't Want Office. Spokane, Wash.—Theodore Roosevelt made his first public declaration regarding his possible candidacy for the presidency at a luncheon given in his honor Saturday by the Commercial club. "I am not an aspirant for anything, because I have had everything," he declared. "No other man alive—I don't know whether I ought to use this simile in the presence of the chaplain, but I am going to take chances—no other man alive has had such a good run for his money."

Two Hundred Burned. Bombay, British India.—Two hundred men, women and children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a thatched structure in which they had gathered for a festival.

Turkish Troops Killing Rebels. Constantinople.—The government troops, after stubborn fighting, have defeated the Arab rebels near Sanaa, in Yemen, killing more than 100.

Abe Ruef a Bible Teacher. San Francisco.—Abraham Ruef who, since the incarceration in San Quentin has adopted the tone of an optimist and the methods of a philanthropist, has turned himself to uplifting his cellmates and raising them to a higher plane by instructing them nightly in the Bible.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Blue Hill wants the Burlington to give the town a new depot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barley of Stratton recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The legislature worked several days over time but without any overtime pay or any other pay.

Ice men of Omaha will charge more for their product this year than last. The reason given is shortage of the crop.