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FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

LATE EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Reader.

Congress.

The fortifications appropriation bill carrying \$5,218,250 was reported.

The house began on the army appropriation bill, carrying \$93,839,000.

Secretary Meyer presented three battleship programs to the house naval affairs committee.

Senator O'Gorman introduced a bill to grant medals to all survivors of the battle of Gettysburg.

The house passed the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill including a literacy test for aliens.

The Kenyon bill to eliminate disorderly houses in Washington by injunction was passed by the senate.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Col. E. J. McClernand to succeed General Witherspoon as brigadier general.

Views on what the new banking and currency law should contain were given the currency reform committee by bankers.

The senate appropriations committee agreed to recommend provision for a commerce court until the close of the fiscal year.

The Gloucester fishing interests were heard by the house merchant marine committee on bill for hospital ship for fishing fleet.

The senate passed the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill containing provision for commerce court to June 30.

A railroad combination to control Mississippi river bridge tolls was alleged at bridge hearing of the house interstate commerce committee.

The senate board of Indian Commissioners urged a more stable and consistent policy of management of Indian affairs before Indian affairs committee.

Prominent bankers testified before the "money trust" investigating committee, Chairman Pujo announcing adjournment would be taken until January 22 or 23.

Chairman Graham of the Interior department expenditures committee, made a report charging that many frauds had been committed against White Earth Indians.

The senate campaign funds investigating committee heard further testimony of Gilchrist Stewart regarding the Archbald letters and committee adjourned subject to call of Chairman Clapp.

Senator Root vigorously denied a speech credited to him and circulated extensively throughout Central and South America for the purpose of stirring up strife against the United States.

Representative Towner of Iowa introduced a bill to appropriate \$300,000 for the construction of an addition to the Daughters of the American Revolution building in Washington as a memorial to the services of American women in the revolutionary war.

General.

A fight to obtain woman's suffrage in North Carolina was launched.

Rhode Island was the first state to send the electoral vote to Washington.

Impeachment charges against Federal Judge Archbald were sustained by the senate.

The cruiser Denver has been ordered from San Diego, Cal., to Acapulco, Mex., where a desperate situation is reported, with Americans in danger.

A resolution to direct President Taft to invite foreign nations to join in the international agreement of migratory birds was introduced by Senator Root.

The trial of Julian Hawthorne and others, charged with fraudulent use of the mails will be resumed before the United States district court in New York January 23.

As the result of a conference by a number of western democratic senators a letter soon will be forwarded to President-elect Wilson urging the selection of a far-western man for secretary of the interior.

Bitter criticism of the order of President Taft placing fourth-class postmasters under the classification civil service was precipitated during the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill in the house.

Deportation of Edward F. Mylius, the journalist, convicted of libeling King George V of England, which was set for January 23, was postponed by United States district judge Holt, who issued a writ of habeas corpus returnable January 24.

Senator Pomerene introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution to provide for the conducting of minor impeachment trials.

The Colorado senate adopted a concurrent resolution approving the proposed amendment to the federal constitution providing for the direct election of United States senators.

Woodrow Wilson has suggested the abolishment of the inaugural ball.

House and senate conferees reached an agreement on the immigration bill.

The senate passed a resolution extending the time of classification of asphalt lands in Oklahoma.

Bulgaria is negotiating for a loan of forty million dollars.

Secretary Nagel ordered the deportation of Edward F. Mylius.

The Irish home rule bill passed the house of commons by a majority of 110.

The threat of Bulgaria to resume the war is apparently not an empty one.

Dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger is proving a difficult task.

A drastic provision is aimed at the powder trust in the fortification appropriation bill.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has ruled that babies cannot be transported by parcel post.

The cruiser Denver has been ordered to Acapulco, Mexico, to protect American interests.

Woodrow Wilson says he is open to suggestion from any member of the democratic family.

The treasury department has made tentative plans for the re-organization of the customs service.

President Taft will attend memorial exercises for Vice-President Sherman in the senate chamber next month.

House democrats met in open caucus and adopted the report on standing committees without a sign of a storm.

The Tennessee legislature in its first joint session failed to elect a senator for either the long or the short term.

The Kenyon bill, proposing to eliminate the segregated district of Washington by injunction, passed the senate.

A bill to amend the Panama canal act so as to eliminate provision for free passage of American coast-wise shipping was introduced by Senator Root.

At Calgary, Alberta, the packing plant of P. Burns & Co. was destroyed by fire. The loss, including meat in cold storage, will probably be in excess of \$2,000,000.

An investigation of the affairs of the Crow tribe of Indians by the Department of Justice will be recommended to the senate by its committee on Indian affairs.

The lower house of the Minnesota legislature adopted a joint resolution offered by Representatives H. H. Dunne and Green calling upon congress to make judges elective.

Senator Townsend's resolutions instructing Attorney General Wickesham to investigate affairs of the Crow Indians of Montana passed the senate without debate or opposition.

An emergency appropriation of \$3,000 for pay for the secret service protection for President-elect Wilson until his inauguration was requested of congress by Secretary MacVeagh.

John K. Shields, a "regular" democrat, took the lead of candidates for the long term in the United States senate from Tennessee on the fourth ballot in the state legislature.

The currency reform committee of the house will hear John B. Forgan, president of the First National bank of Chicago and chairman of the Chicago clearing house association executive committee.

Dark days are ahead for the boot and shoe industry in the United States in the opinion of members of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' association in annual convention in New York.

James A. Perry of Chicago, confessed leader of the band of automobile bandits who have committed a score of daring robberies in the past sixty days, firmly refused to reveal the identity of his associates.

The president and Mrs. Taft gave the second reception of their last winter in the White House with the justices of the supreme court and of Washington and the officials of the Department of Justice as guests of honor.

A bill to increase the size of the supreme court of the United States from nine justices to eleven was introduced in the senate by Senator Gore. Under the organization act of 1787 the court was constituted of a chief justice and five associates.

The Bulgarian minister of finance, M. Theodoroff, about whose mission to St. Petersburg there has been much mystery, declared that the purpose of his trip to St. Petersburg and to other European countries was to arrange for a Bulgarian loan after the war had ceased.

A new trial for Leonard Olsson, a socialist, whose debarment from citizenship by United States district judge Cornelius Hanford last spring resulted in the bringing of impeachment charges, during the investigation of which Judge Hanford resigned, was provided for in a stipulation signed by United States district attorney Beverly W. Colner and counsel for Olsson at Seattle. This action was taken in accordance with instructions issued by Attorney General Wickersham.

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DECLARE THEY WILL FIGHT BEFORE GIVING UP BIG RABBIT.

INDIAN AGENT APPEALED TO

Band of Tribesmen Fortify Themselves and Defy Posse of Hundred Armed Men.

Cortez, Colo.—Determined not to deliver Big Rabbit, one of their tribesmen, to the county authorities, on a charge of assault, the fifty Ute Indians, who are entrenched in the mountains eighteen miles from here, defied a sheriff's posse of 100 men. The Indians took up their position in the mountains after they had left the Ute reservation in southwestern Colorado and declared that they will fight the white men to death rather than give up Big Rabbit.

Indian Agent John Spear has been appealed to by the county authorities in the hope that he might be able to induce the Indians to return to the reservation and surrender Big Rabbit. Spear's advances, however, were rebuffed by the Indians and he has wired the interior department at Washington for instructions.

As soon as the Utes learned that Big Rabbit was wanted by the sheriff who would place him under arrest to face the charge of having shot Joseph Vichel, a Mexican sheep herder, the Indian's friends departed with him into the mountains. All are armed with repeating rifles and are said to be amply supplied with ammunition.

When Sheriff Gawith reached the reservation he learned of the revolt. With a few deputies he hastened to the Indians' stronghold, but was met with threatening cries. A messenger friendly to the Indians was sent to talk with the leader of the band. They refused to enter any agreement which meant surrender of their comrade. The sheriff retreated to Cortez and swore in 100 deputies, thinking he could awe the Indians into submission by a show of greater strength.

When the posse arrived at the pass where the Indians still were fortified, it was found that the spirit of defiance on the part of the Indians had greatly increased. The sheriff retreated, seeking the aid of Indian Agent Spear.

The Indians, it is said, are actuated by a clanish feeling of resentment against the whites because of insults to which they say a camp of sheep herders subjected them. Two weeks ago Big Rabbit and another Indian attempted to camp near the spot where a group of sheep herders had pitched their tent. The sheep herders, it is said, resented the appearance of the Indians and ordered them from the vicinity of their camp. The Indians retaliated and a fight ensued in which one of the Indians was killed and one sheep herder.

Buying Much Land.

San Francisco—Large realty holdings in California have been obtained by Japanese and Chinese immigrants, according to a report of the board of the Asiatic Exclusion league, made public recently. In nineteen counties of the state 498 Asiatics own 8,997 acres of land, assessed at \$1,105,511. By statistics collected January 1, 1913, the number of Japanese in the state, exclusive of those who may be here illegally, was 44,743.

Terrified by Rough Storm.

San Francisco, Cal.—Five coastwise passenger vessels and nearly a score of smaller craft arrived here after weathering one of the roughest storms ever known off the North Carolina coast. Some of the vessels were two days late. The most damage done by the storm, which began on Friday night, was to the steamer George W. Elder, which carried seventy-eight passengers from Portland.

Hawaiian "Fourth of July."

Honolulu, H. T.—Americans and natives today joined in celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy—the Fourth of July of the islands. The festivities ended with a banquet in honor of those who participated in the revolution.

Ohio River Still Rising.

Evansville, Ind.—The Ohio river continued to rise today. City officials announced all flood sufferers have been cared for and it is planned to give the men work in connection with the sanitary precautions to be taken when the water recedes.

Marshall to Arizona.

Kansas City, Mo.—Thomas R. Marshall, vice president-elect, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, went through Kansas City on his way to Arizona to spend the winter.

Aliens Again Reprieved.

Richmond, Va.—Floyd and Claude Allen, the two Hillsville gunmen who were sentenced to die for their part in the Carroll court house murders last March, were again reprieved by Governor Mann, who agreed to hear arguments February 1.

Want a Man From the West.

Washington—Democratic senators from the Rocky mountain region sent to President-elect Wilson a letter urging selection of a representative of that section as interior secretary.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Substitutions Made in List Previously Published.

The house of representatives approved the list of standing committees as reported by the democratic committee on committees. The report was ratified in caucus and received a full party vote. It showed a number of changes from the tentative lineup previously made up by the democratic and republican committees, these being by the agreement of the members concerned save in three instances.

Following are the substitutions made in the list previously published: Banks and Banking—Buckner for Stebbins.

Cities and Towns—Druesdow for Sugarman.

Claims—Gustin for Hoffmeister.

Constitutional Amendments—Potts for Mather.

Corporations—Schueth for Halliger.

County Boundaries—Druesdow for Haggerty, Shipley for Orr.

Deficiencies—Stearns for Stevens of Lincoln.

Fees and Salaries—McCarthy of Greeley for Losey.

Finances, Ways and Means—Losey and Fuller added.

Fish Culture and Game—Anderson of Boyd for Potts.

Insane Hospitals—Stebbins for Buckner.

Irrigation—McAllister for Anderson of Boyd.

Insurance—Gustafson and Foulon for Searle and Druesdow.

Labor—Orr for Jones.

Libraries—Bartels for Greenwalt.

Militia—Burket for Quiggle.

Mines and Minerals—Grueber for Norton.

Miscellaneous Subjects—McCarthy of Cumming for McCarthy of Greeley.

Other Asylums—Sugarman for Fulton.

Public Lands and Buildings—Murphy and Shipley for Trumble.

Public Printing—Haggerty for Druesdow.

Railroads—Sindelar for Bollen, Searle for Gustafson.

Roads and Bridges—Anderson of Boyd for Muller.

School Lands and Funds—Maurer for Greenwalt.

Soldiers' Homes—Keckley and Funk for Palmer and Shipley.

Telegraph, Telephones and Electric Companies—Korff and Fuller for Bartels and Anderson of Boyd.

University and Normal Schools—Palmer for Keckley.

Building for Fair.

Lee of Douglas and Jackson of Nuckolls father a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for new buildings at the state fair grounds for agriculture, horticulture and manufacture, and \$8,000 more for the purchase of additional grounds. Mr. Jackson was in charge of the gates during the last state fair. Two years ago a bill for \$100,000 for a steel grand stand at the fair grounds, was cut to \$35,000 for such kind of structure as could be built for the money. The appropriation was not secured until at conference committee had locked horns for a day or more.

More Senate Employees.

Nineteen more employees were named by the upper house committee on employees, making a total of thirty-nine now on duty. Those later selected are: J. W. Seabrook, proofreader, Seabrook; Fred C. McConnell, copy holder, Omaha; Morton Steinhart, proofreader, Nebraska City; W. A. Overman, copy holder, Bennett; D. C. Crawford, custodian, Lincoln; Adam Bamor, assistant custodian, Tobias; E. O. Harman, stenographer, Fremont; Lawrence Donahue, chief bill clerk, Omaha.

Committee Appointed.

During a short session of the house Speaker Kelley appointed the following committees to investigate the application for water power sites and to draft a law in accordance with the resolution introduced heretofore: McAllister, chairman; Trumble of Sherman, Anderson of Boyd, Reische of Dawes, Hardin of Harlin, Stebbins of Dawson and Corbin of Johnson.

Preparing for Highwaymen.

Simon of Douglas introduced a bill making the carrying of concealed weapons a misdemeanor instead of a felony, for the purpose, as he afterwards stated, of allowing people in these perilous times to carry weapons for self-protection.

Wink's Incorporation Amendment.

Senator Wink of Buffalo county proposes to amend the state incorporation law in so far as it applies to railroads to provide that not less than seven and not more than twenty directors may be elected at the initial session of the stockholders of any new lines. The change is designed to meet the conditions arising from the projection of the proposed Kearney-Beloit line, which, in time, so the promoters believe, will be the main north and south transcontinental route.

Twice-a-Month Ghost Walks.

Railroad pay days will come twice a month instead of once a month as at present if a bill which Senator Cordeal of Red Willow will introduce finds favor at the hands of the present legislature. The western Nebraska law maker says he expects little opposition to the measure and believes that there will be no objection particularly on the part of the railroad officials. The bill is designed to meet the convenience of railroad men and to enable them to more promptly pay their bills.

COMMITTEE TO ACT

HOUSE GOES ON RECORD AS TO THEIR DUTY.

FIGHT ON FOX RESOLUTION

Members Railway Commission Advise of Needed Laws—Other Matters of Legislative Character.

By a decisive vote the house went on record as opposed to interfering with the committee on employees or to putting any restrictions on the work of that committee. The action was taken on the resolution by Norton of Polk, which limited the employees to those actually needed, each one to be assigned to that work to which he or she was fitted.

The fight on the resolution came when Fox of Pierce introduced the following:

"Whereas, There is a resolution pending with regard to the placing of employees in this house; and,

"Whereas, Said resolution, doubtless inspired by lofty sentiments of economy and patriotism, would tend to confuse the deliberations of that group of martyrs known to the public weal as the regular house standing committee on employees; and,

"Whereas, Said martyred committee on employees has braved the vicissitudes of the first legislative week with no fatalities, physical or political, and has secured a full list of competent employees now being assigned to various posts of duty with prospects for good service; and,

"Whereas, The total list of employees has not yet reached the constitutional limit, and does not exceed the number actually required when the legislative grind is fully on; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this house that the committee on employees has acted with good judgment and discrimination, and that so far as this session is concerned its services to date are heartily approved."

The resolution, it was held, could not be debated, and upon vote, was tabled "indefinitely."

Railway Commission Advice.

The railway commission has filed a special report with Governor Morehead, in which it makes recommendations to the legislature.

The report gives a digest of the operation of several laws passed at the 1911 session, among them the stock yard law, the law regulating the construction of caboose cars, construction of stock sheds on railroad right-of-way, the construction of hog sheds at all shipping yards, the building of railroad bridges and prescribing the waterway dimensions, amendment to the Banning demurrage act by giving the railway commission authority to act upon complaint and the law providing for the direct appeal of complaints from the commission to the state supreme court.

The latter law, according to the report, has been invoked in but two instances, but this has been sufficient to show its merit and to set it out as an important step toward the more expeditious settlement of complaints.

Dr. Spradling Holds On.

Dr. Spradling, physician at the state penitentiary, called at the state house, but did not get to see Governor Morehead. He denies the statement that he has refused to give up his job at the prison in favor of Dr. G. E. Williams of Havelock, who has been appointed by Governor Morehead. He says he is ready to quit any time, but he desires the governor to tell him to do so before he stops work. He asks for the usual courtesy of being allowed to serve until April 1. He was appointed January 6, 1911, but Dr. Lowry, his predecessor, did not leave the position until March 31, three months after the date of Dr. Spradling's appointment. Dr. Spradling says it has been customary to change physicians March 1, but he did not get in until March 31.

As to Indian Marriage.

Shumway of Knox introduced a bill by request of a council of the Winnebago Indians, asking that the customs heretofore in vogue among the Indians who are now residing in the state relative to marriages be done away with and that these Indians be required in the future to marry according to the laws of the state.

Stamps for Members.

An effort was made to secure 15 cents' worth of stamps for each member each day of the session, these stamps to be used in something the same way as the franking privilege of members of congress. Protest was made and the matter went over for the present.

New Fire Warden.

W. S. Ridgell of Alliance began work Friday as state fire commissioner. Mr. Ridgell has been appointed to succeed Charles A. Randall. H. E. Requette of York has been appointed fire commissioner. Mr. Ridgell was formerly police judge of Alliance and is vice president of the state volunteer firemen's association. Mr. Requette was formerly the proprietor of a restaurant at York. The fire commissioner receives a salary of \$2,000 and the deputy \$1,500 a year and both receive traveling expenses.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The street car company of Omaha has seven hundred stockholders.

The new hotel Omaha is planning will cost over a million dollars.

The Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers are anticipating the largest attendance in the history of their association, when their annual convention is held in Omaha on February 10 to 15. In addition to the convention, the association will put on a show, which will include exhibits of every conceivable sort bearing on the hardware trade.

Taxes on the chickens of the state amount to more money in a year than the taxes received from express companies doing business in Nebraska, according to figures obtained by Senator W. H. Smith of Seward county.

This legislator will introduce a bill tending to remedy the condition and providing for a 2 per cent annual occupation tax on Nebraska receipts of all companies.

Nearly \$7,000 of the fund appropriated by the federal government for the back pay due the Nebraska soldiers who served in the Spanish-American war, is still held on deposit in a Lincoln bank because there have been no claimants for the money. The record shows that a total of 789 Nebraska soldiers of that war, have not applied for their share, amounting to from 80 cents to \$31.

Handsome engraved invitations upon heavy cards are being sent out to the state teachers, 4,500 being issued. They read: "Omaha requests your favorable consideration of its invitation to the Nebraska State Teachers' association to hold the 1913 meeting in Omaha. Trusting that you will consider Omaha's advantages and that you will cast your ballot for Omaha, and wish you a prosperous year, we are, sincerely—Bureau of Publicity, Commercial Club of Omaha."

Anna Rickert of Columbus has brought suit against the Union Pacific railroad company for damages in the sum of \$30,000 for the death of her husband, Carl Rickert, who was killed while crossing the tracks at Richland with his automobile. The petition states that buildings on the right-of-way, a string of freight cars, and the local train No. 21 completely cut off from Rickert's view train No. 9 which struck his car and killed him as he was crossing the tracks.

Two threatening letters, alleged to have been written by the "Black Hand" and signed as such, were