

NEWS OF A WEEK  
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Epitome of the Most  
Important Events  
Gathered From All  
Points of the Globe.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

For the first time in history the wives of the new president and vice-president will ride with their husbands in the inaugural parade at Washington.

The house committee decided that the attack on President Roosevelt, delivered by Representative Cook, a Republican of Colorado, shall not be taken from the record.

In taking the oath of office President Taft will use the supreme court's historic bible, thus breaking up an old precedent, other presidents accepting new holy books.

Washington is ready for the inauguration of President Taft and many visitors are already in the capital.

Lawns in Chicago have started a movement to augment the fund piling up for the erection of a substantial monument to the late William B. Allison, former nestor of the United States senate. The legislature and congress has also made an appropriation for a suitable memorial to be erected in Washington.

President-elect Taft, by the selection of Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago, completed his cabinet.

The house, after a hard battle and many amendments, passed the sundry civil bill, carrying \$137,000,000.

A committee of five members has been appointed by the house to decide whether Representative Cook's attack on the president shall be expunged from the record.

The provision in the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill that there shall be no ambassadorship created unless it has been provided for by act of congress has been agreed to by the conferees.

The house of representatives cut the salary of the president to \$75,000, the vice-president to \$12,000 and defied the senate which had fixed the amounts by amendments to the legislative appropriation bill.

PERSONAL.

It is announced that Joseph Lefter will sell his famous coal mine at Zeigler, Ill.

President Roosevelt gave a luncheon to his "tennis cabinet" and praised the members for their loyalty to him and to the nation.

It is now understood that Rear-Admiral Sperry will file his application for relief from the command of the Atlantic battleship fleet with the next administration.

W. Vernon Booth, head of the failed fish trust, is charged in an indictment with conspiring with Frederick R. Robbins, former assistant treasurer, to defraud a bank out of \$300,000.

Lady Cook, prominent in the advocacy of the cause of woman suffrage here and in England, arrived in New York from England. Lady Cook, who was formerly Miss Tennessee Clavin, declared that woman's battle for the suffrage was already won.

Senator Beveridge was proclaimed leader of the Indiana Republicans at a banquet given by Republican editors in Indianapolis. The senator in a speech talked of party fealty and favored a real primary law.

E. H. Harriman celebrated his sixty-first birthday at San Antonio, Tex., in a quiet manner. He spent the morning in pistol and rifle practice. He said he never felt better in his life.

Bernard H. Rawl of Lexington, S. C., was appointed chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture at Washington at \$2,500 a year.

GENERAL NEWS.

The unusual spectacle of the state selling one of its witnesses to the defense was seen in the trial of the slayers of former Senator Carmack at Nashville, Tenn.

After patching up a truce with Senator La Follette, Senator Stephenson decided not to permit his colleague to present his certificate of election to the senate and will have some other Republican senator do it for him.

The Logan county court at Guthrie, Okla., decided that Gov. Haskell had no right to order the seizure of papers from counsel for William R. Hearst, and ordered their return.

Although the indisposition of the pope continues the attending physicians maintain that his holiness will be entirely recovered in a few days.

Secretary Newberry of the navy department said there is no intention of relieving Admiral Sperry from command of the "battle fleet."

A suit to recover blood money obtained by Mrs. Belle Guinness from her victims was filed at Laporte, Ind., by a brother of Andrew Heiglein.

Two thousand jackies and marines of the fleet, which has just completed its world cruise, marched and were entertained in Norfolk, Va.

President-elect Taft in a tribute to the president is quoted as saying Theodore Roosevelt will rank in history with Washington and Lincoln.

A grand jury at Jackson, Mich., has been ordered by the court to probe the state penitentiary management, against which charges have been made.

The jury for the retrial of the famous \$29,240,000 Standard Oil case was selected in the United States district court in Chicago.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the year, 1908, shows a decrease in gross earnings compared with the preceding year, of \$52,446,722, and a decrease in net earnings of \$7,436,297.

Blanche Walsh, the actress, who has been confined in a hospital in Kansas City more than a month, suffering from a severe attack of stomach trouble, has left the hospital and will go to New York next week.

It is reported in New York that with the retirement from office of President Roosevelt a great coal mine strike may be expected.

Hayes and Dorando will meet for their third race over the Marathon distance on March 15, in Madison Square Garden, New York. Hayes believes he can turn the tables on his rival.

Jean Mattis, the waiter who last Christmas attacked President Fallieres of France and tried to pull his beard, was tried and convicted and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, the imprisonment to be followed by five years' banishment from the boundaries of Paris.

A \$50,000 monument in memory of President James A. Garfield is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Langley of Kentucky. The measure provides that the monument shall be erected on or near the Middle Creek battlefield in Floyd county, Kentucky.

Ben G. Fernald and Charles Tenney Jackson of Wisconsin plan a trip to the Gulf of Mexico in a canvas canoe.

The reported engagement of Miss Ethel Roosevelt and William Phillips, third assistant secretary of state, is denied by the president's secretary and the young man's mother.

The state department has made inquiry of the governor of Nebraska concerning the mobbing of Greeks at South Omaha.

To prevent a lynching Sheriff Griffin has taken John Junkin, self-confessed slayer of Miss Clara Rosen in Ottumwa, Iowa, to the Des Moines jail.

Col. Henry F. Vallette, aged 86, and blind, married Miss Eleanor Anderson, 25 years old, at Long Beach, Cal. Both are former Chicagoans.

Whether three packages confiscated at Davenport, Ia., contain \$60,000 of the loot obtained by a band of swindlers is a question that will not be answered until April when the court opens them.

Ralph Bristol, a student in the Oregon State university was driven insane when ducked in ice water by hazers.

Speaker Cannon in a caustic letter answered an attack by Edward E. Higgins, president of Success Magazine, on himself and the rules of the house.

In a speech at the Peace dinner in New York, Senator-elect Root denounced Nevada legislators and certain congressmen as rowdies and makers of war. At the same dinner Taft sounded praise of Root.

Post Office Inspector Swenson of Iowa has uncovered a gigantic swindle by fake foot races, horse races, pugilists and wrestlers at Council Bluffs, Ia.

"Billy" Sunday, the baseball evangelist, was horsewhipped by Sherman Potts of Lovington, Ill., in the tabernacle at Springfield, with 8,000 persons as witnesses.

Cardinal Gibbons, in a magazine article, defends Catholics as loyal citizens of the United States, in answering charges by Lutheran and Baptist ministers.

Arkansas has been assigned as the name of one of the new battleships authorized by congress. The monitor by that name will be given a suitable designation.

A new office, that of general inspector of navy yards, has been created by Secretary Newberry and Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, commandant of the New York navy yard, has been assigned to perform its duties.

President Roosevelt was scathingly denounced by Representative Cook of Colorado, in a speech on the secret service question in the house. Mr. Cook is a Republican.

The weather bureau at Washington sent out a warning against floods of the Ohio and southern rivers, which are rising rapidly because of heavy rains.

It is announced that the dates for the national meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to be held in Omaha have been fixed for September 13 to 20, inclusive.

Orville Wright at Pau, France, made his first ascension since the accident at Fort Myer, in which he was severely injured. Accompanied by his sister, he was a passenger in the balloon Icarus, which was piloted by Marquis de Kergaroul.

The defense in the Cooper-Sharp trial at Nashville for the murder of former Senator Carmack scored a point in showing that Carmack was in an ugly mood and borrowed a revolver.

After an official investigation conducted by cable, Baron Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, has issued an official denial of a recently-published story to the effect that in the stress and confusion following the recent earthquake in southern Italy a large number of orphaned children had been sold into "white slavery" abroad.

SHIP SUBSIDY LOST AS TO THE FINANCES

SENATE MEASURE IS DEFEATED IN LOWER HOUSE.

THE CONFERENCE REPORTS

Agricultural, Rivers and Harbors and Public Building Appropriation Bills Disposed Of.

Washington—The ship subsidy bill previously passed by the senate, was defeated in the house of representatives by the narrow margin of three votes, the ballot resulting 172 to 175. The opponents of the measure wildly cheered.

A scene of wild confusion followed the roll call. With the announcement of the vote of 172 in the affirmative, the speaker hesitated to get a breath, and then said: "One hundred and seventy-five in the negative."

The democratic side of the house broke forth in cheers. Mr. Overstreet, in charge of the bill, was recognized and asked to be permitted to change his vote. This would have allowed him to move to reconsider and have another vote on the bill. The speaker informed him that the vote had been announced and his request came too late.

Thirty republicans voted against the measure and four democrats for it.

Conference reports on the agricultural, rivers and harbors and public buildings bills were agreed to, and the sundry civil bill sent to conference.

After disposing of a mass of miscellaneous conference reports on less important measures, the house, at 7:09 p. m., recessed until 11:50 a. m. Wednesday.

In the Senate. The general deficiency bill was passed, carrying appropriations amounting to more than \$19,000,000. This bill was the last of the general supply bills passed by the senate.

Various conference reports were agreed to, so that substantial progress was made in clearing away much of the business before the senate.

An amendment offered by Mr. La Follette, appropriating \$50,000 for placing a suitable memorial upon the Lincoln farm in Kentucky, was approved.

REVOLUTION IN FREIGHT RATES

Famous Spokane Case Is Finally Decided in Favor of Shippers.

Washington.—The railroad rates involved in the famous case of the city of Spokane, Wash., against the Northern Pacific and other railroads were held by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be "inherently unreasonable."

The decision says the eastern rates to Spokane were higher than to Seattle, a more distant point.

The commission reduces class rates from St. Paul to Spokane 16.23 per cent, and makes substantially the same reduction from Chicago to Spokane. Rates east of Chicago are not dealt with.

The decision, if applied in principle to all commodities and to all interior points, must work a revolution in rates from eastern points of origin to all interior transcontinental territory, and in that view it is one of the most far-reaching decisions ever rendered by the commission.

NO EXTENSION, SAYS HARRIMAN

Union Pacific to Build No New Lines Under Existing Conditions.

San Antonio, Tex.—E. H. Harriman and party left early Tuesday for a trip over the western coast extension of the Mexican lines of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Harriman will return by way of California and will be in New York within two weeks, after several weeks "camping out" near San Antonio. Mr. Harriman's parting message was that America may not expect any extension of his lines this year unless conditions change radically and that he does not contemplate any, but he promises to make extensive improvements of existing lines.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS BUDGET BILLS.

ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENTS

Other Matters that Were up for Consideration the Past Week in the Legislature.

Finance Bill. The house finance committee has completed its budget bills for all but the special appropriations for buildings and kindred subjects, and for those things which are specially appropriated for in the bills which created the need.

By this bill the governor's office is to have incidental expenses (together with the executive mansion of \$7,900 for the biennium, the commissioner of public lands and buildings \$4,600, the attorney general \$10,000 to enforce the rules of the railway commission and the Junkin act, the expenses of the state banking board are to be \$11,000, the state historical society gets the customary \$15,000, the pure food commission \$15,800 exclusive of the commissioner's salary, the national guard \$51,800, Peru normal excluding salaries and new buildings, \$39,000, the state university \$145,000 divided into permanent improvements \$100,000, expenses of farmers' institutes \$20,000 and the North Platte sub-station \$25,000, the Kearney normal gets \$24,700, the institute for the blind at Omaha \$49,066.09, the boys' industrial school at Kearney \$55,500, the girls' industrial schools at Geneva \$32,750, the home for the feeble minded at Beatrice, \$90,500, the Lincoln hospital for the insane \$171,300, the penitentiary draws \$130,200, and the soldiers' home at Grand Island \$123,230. All these are exclusive of salaries and buildings that may be ordered by special bills.

How to Get the Franchise.

The house passed Shoemaker's bill which is intended to hold in check the tendency of foreigners in this state to be registered as intending to become citizens and then voting on the strength of this declaration.

Shoemaker would make it necessary for any foreigner hereafter coming to the state to become a full-fledged citizen before voting, and those who have already taken out the first papers to complete their transformation within five years or have the franchise taken from them. The chief section of the bill follows: "Every male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of this state six months next preceding the election and of the county, precinct or ward, for the term provided by law shall be an elector: Provided, that persons of foreign birth who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States, and are now voting, may continue the exercise of the right of suffrage until such time as they may have resided in the United States five years, when they shall take out full citizenship papers to be entitled to vote at any succeeding election."

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Senator Ransom has introduced a bill for a new method of securing a sinking fund. The bill provides that the state auditor shall certify to the county clerk of each county the amount of all municipal bonds of any city or village and when the interest and principal are due, it is made the duty of the county board of equalization to levy a sufficient amount of tax against the taxable property of such city or village to meet the said bonds and the interest on them when due. If the county board refuses or neglects to do so it is made the duty of the county clerk to levy the same against the taxable property.

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ISSUANCE OF STOCK.

Bill by Senator Brown to Regulate the Same.

To prevent the issuance of watered stock by public service corporations and to provide for the regulation of the issuance of stock by the railway commission Senator Brown of Lancaster has introduced a bill in the senate. The bill provides:

"No corporation heretofore or hereafter organized in this state for the purpose of opening a street, interurban or other railroad, telephone, gas or electric lighting or power system, or for the purpose of furnishing any other public service, shall be permitted to issue any stock or bonds until such corporation shall have submitted to the state railway commission a statement showing to the satisfaction of such commission that the same is to be issued for money or property of equal value actually received by such corporation.

"The state railway commission is hereby given full power and authority and is required to supervise and regulate the issuance of all stock and bonds by corporations described in the act. The commission must also approve the same only when it is shown to the satisfaction of the commission that it is for money or property to the value of the amount of the stock and the bonds.

"No corporation of the class described shall have power to issue any stocks or bonds except for money or property equal in value to the amount thereof actually received, and all watered stocks or bonds or other fictitious increase of the capital stock or indebtedness is prohibited and all such stock or bonds, when issued in violation of this act, shall be void."

The bill contains an emergency clause.

Appropriation Bills.

The salary appropriation bill and the appropriation bill for current expenses of the state and state institutions have been completed and will be introduced in the house by Representative Clark of Richardson. The salary bill carries a total of \$964,180, against a total amount appropriated two years ago of \$882,400. In 1907 the total appropriations for current expenses was \$1,912,780, against a total of \$1,847,806.09. The current expense bill does not contain an appropriation for the expenses of the State Railway commission, which amount last year was fixed at \$20,000. This is probably an oversight, as a member of the finance committee said an amount had been agreed upon though less than two years ago. The reduction in the current expense bill is due to cuts made in the appropriations for state institutions more than any other items and the increase in the salary bill is due mostly to increase in salary of the supreme judges and members of the district court.

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NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

McCook is taking the initiatory steps for a water works system. Miss Etta Bryant, of Auburn, was allowed \$117 as damages sustained by falling on a defective walk.

Frank Irigimire, a farmer living three miles northwest of Huntley, fell from a load of hay and suffered a bad broken arm.

Representative Taylor of Merna, Neb., has filed a complaint with the railroad commission, against the poor facilities for caring for cattle that the railroads have at that place.

Jack Smith, who was found guilty of horse stealing at the beginning of court in Falls City, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The contractors who have the Carnegie library in Fairbury say the building will be completed by June. The masons have the basement completed.

Frank McColely of Beatrice, against whom his wife filed suit for divorce, alimony and the custody of their 4-year-old child, has disappeared, taking with him the child.

The Whalen diversion dam in Morrill county, is now completed and the farmers of the Platte valley can be sure of all the water they want to use for the 1909 crops.

M. H. Scroggins has sold the seventy-six acre farm between Kearney and Buda for \$124.50 per acre. As near as can be learned this is the highest price paid for straight farm land in Buffalo county.