

## Week at Washington

Russia has thanked the American government for calling China's attention to the fact that she was violating her neutrality.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Jan. 16, says: The case of Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was decided by the supreme court of the United States today, the decision dismissing the writ of certiorari to the circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit and reversing the verdict of the district court for the Eastern district of Missouri on the ground that the payments to Burton were made in Washington. The case was remanded for a new trial to the district court. The opinion was handed down by Justice Peckham, who took up the various counts and recited the conclusions as well as the decisions of the court as to the conviction: "First—The question of the construction of the statute upon which this indictment was framed is the first to arise. Upon that question a majority of the court (Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Brown, Mr. Justice McKenna, Mr. Justice Holmes and Mr. Justice Day concurring) are of the opinion that the facts alleged in the indictment show a case that is covered by the provisions of the statute, while the chief justice, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mr. Justice White and the writer of this opinion dissent from that view and are of opinion that the statute does not cover the case as alleged in the indictment. Second—Assuming that the statute applies to the facts stated in the indictment, a further question arises upon the general merits of the case whether there was sufficient evidence of guilt to be submitted to the jury, and a majority of the court (the same justices concurring) are of opinion that there was, or are not prepared to say there was not, and the same minority dissent from that view and are of opinion that there was no evidence whatever upon which to found a verdict of conviction."

Robert E. Armstrong, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of customs, has intimated to the president and Secretary Shaw that he wishes to resign, in order that he may take another position in New York. It is probable the resignation will be accepted and take effect March 4.

The statehood bill was given three hours' discussion in the senate January 16, by Messrs. Simmons and Heyburn, both of whom favored the elimination of Arizona from the bill.

In response to a resolution introduced by Representative Hearst, of New York, Postmaster General Wynne has transmitted to the house "a statement of facts, relative to the dismissal of James C. Kellar, president of the City Letters Carriers' association. The report says that Mr. Kellar was dismissed for being absent from his post of duty without leave, and refused to return to work when requested to do so.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Jan. 16, says: Two bills on the railroad rate making prob-

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lem were introduced in the house today, one by Representative Townsend (Mich.), creating a "court of transportation;" the other by Representative Esch (Wis.) granting authority to the interstate commerce commission to name a reasonable rate in place of one they have declared unreasonable. The court of transportation is to consist of a chief justice and four associate justices, to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, and to hold office during good behavior, the chief justice to receive \$9,000 and the associate justices \$8,500 annually. The court is to hold one regular session each year in the city of Washington and special sessions at such times and places as the chief justice may designate. The court is to have original jurisdiction in all cases arising under the interstate commerce act. Appeal can be taken to the supreme court only.

Senator Mitchell of Oregon, who was indicted by the grand jury, had the floor in the senate January 17, to explain the charges made against him. He was so deeply moved that he read his statement with the greatest difficulty.

A delegation of Indians from Pueblo has arrived in Washington to secure legislation preventing proposed territorial taxation of their properties.

Among the nominations sent to the senate by the president Jan. 20 was that of Henry E. Cutting to be receiver of public moneys at Pierre, S. D.

The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries has authorized a favorable report on the shipping bill reported to congress by the merchant marine commission.

Among the appointments confirmed by the United States senate Jan. 20 was that of John E. Adams, receiver of public moneys at Aberdeen, S. D.

The house has adopted the twelve articles of impeachment against Judge Swayne of Florida and the speaker was authorized to appoint seven members to present the case to the senate and conduct the impeachment proceedings before that body.

Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, democratic nominee for vice president in the last campaign, who was formerly a senator, was a visitor on the floor of the senate January 18. He was cordially received by the senators generally and especially by Senator Fairbanks, his rival.

The report of the interstate commerce commission on railroad accidents shows 228 passengers and 183 employes killed, and 2,154 passengers and 1,553 employes injured in train accidents. Other accidents to passengers and employes, not the result of collisions or derailments, brings the aggregate casualties for the quarter up to 1,032 killed and 13,207 injured. There were 1,439 collisions and 1,321 derailments, the damage to cars, engines, and roadway being \$2,439,073. The report says that while these figures show a gratifying decrease in the number of employes killed, the three months as a whole may be termed the most disastrous on record in fatal accidents to passengers.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, January 18, says: "At a conference today between President Roosevelt and secretary Taft, the president decided to appoint A. G. Stewart

of Iowa, attorney general of Porto Rico to succeed Willis Sweet of Idaho, resigned. Mr. Stewart served as a volunteer in the war between Spain and the United States."

Representative Reeder of Kansas has introduced a joint resolution providing that members of the house be chosen every third year; that senators be elected by direct vote and that congress shall assemble at least once each year on January 6. The term of the president is fixed at six years and he shall not be eligible for re-election. The first Tuesday in May is fixed for inaugural day.

President Roosevelt has sent the following nominations to the senate: "Agents for the Indians—I. N. Steen, at Standing Rock agency, N. D.; John R. Brennan, at Pine Ridge agency, S. D. Postmasters: Iowa—Levi M. Black, Ireton. Nebraska—George Williams, Cambridge. South Dakota—Arthur B. Chubbuck, Ipswich."

In a speech delivered before the senate, January 18, Senator Stone defended his resolution providing for an investigation into the charges of election frauds. When Mr. Stone had finished, Mr. Hansborough had the clerk read the complete text of the reply made by President Roosevelt to Judge Parker's charges made last November. The resolution was allowed to lie on the table and other business was taken up.

Under date of Washington, D. C., January 18, the Associated Press says: "In accordance with the provisions of the act of congress approved January 5, 1905, providing for the incorporation of the American National Red Cross, the president has designated the following named persons to act as incorporators of said association; Alvai E. Adey, Charles E. Keep, assistant secretary of the treasury; Brigadier General G. B. Davis, judge advocate general, United States army. Lieutenant A. Prady, assistant attorney general; medical director, John C. Boyd, United States navy."

The interstate commerce commission has sustained the complaint of the Chicago Live Stock exchange that there has been discrimination on the part of the railroads that exact higher rates for transporting cattle and hogs than for carrying live stock "products" to Chicago from the west, northwest and southwest, including Missouri river points and South St. Paul. The exchange made the complaint against the Chicago Great Western and other railroads engaged in this traffic. The commission holds that the discrimination is not justified in any way, and that it subjects the live stock interests to unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage, giving to the traffic in the "products" of live stock unreasonable preference.

Owing to the interruption of cable service the Isthmian canal commission has received no answer from its cablegram, to Governor Davis of the canal zone calling for report on the sanitary conditions. The commission is shipping a large amount of medical supplies to the canal zone to aid in the sanitation of that region. Immense quantities of rolled sulphur and insect powder have been sent there, an average of 2,000 pounds of the latter being shipped weekly, while in the first two weeks of this month 425 vaccine points have been shipped for use by the medical authorities.

### A Soldier's Sense of Humor

The late Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor often cited as an example of ghastly humor an incident that befell

a young woman during the civil war, says the Baltimore Herald.

"She was good and kind," he would say, "and during the war she visited the hospitals daily, distributing fruits and flowers and tracts.

"One morning on her rounds a young soldier, immediately after she had passed him, set up a loud laugh.

"She turned and looked at him in surprise. He seemed a pitiful case. Nothing of him but his face was visible on the little white bed, and this young face was sadly thin and pale. Nevertheless, he laughed like one possessed. His mirth resounded through the grewsome room.

"The visitor returned to him.

"Will you tell me what amuses you?" she said.

"Why, ma'am," said he, "here you have given me a tract on the sin of dancing when I've got both legs shot off."

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