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MEAT OF MESSAGE

ROOSEVELT HAS THE FLOOR IN BOTH HOUSES.

President Advises Congress as to Conditions and Laws That Will Bring Good to All in Their Effect—Unusual Attention Is Paid to Document

Washington, Dec. 4.—The annual message of the president to congress was read in both houses at noon and was followed closely by a large number of members, while the crowded galleries gave close consideration. Following is a summary of the message:

Government should have right to appeal in criminal cases.

Technicalities should not outweigh merits in law suits.

Lynch law is denounced in unsparing terms.

Education is the solution of the "race" problem.

Labor and capital alike should discountenance the agitator and demagogue, who do harm always and good seldom.

Eight-hour day for all workers is sure to come.

Child labor law for District of Columbia should be drastic.

Compulsory arbitration a solution for labor difficulties.

Control of corporations should be extended by congress.

Inheritance tax and income tax laws are needed.

Technical education for mechanics and farmers an advantage.

Divorce laws should be uniform; race suicide a deadly sin.

American shipping interests deserve attention.

Free trade for the Filipinos and citizenship for Porto Ricans, with some improvements for Hawaiians and Alaskans, are suggested.

Rights of all people should be regarded; hostility toward the Japanese is unfair and unwarranted; Japanese should be allowed to become naturalized citizens.

Peace is always desirable, but war is honorable.

Army and navy the surest guarantee of peace.

CHANGES IN CABINET.

In Conformity With Statement Made Some Time Ago New Men Named.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Seven cabinet changes and one appointment to the supreme court bench were sent to the senate by President Roosevelt, but they were not confirmed immediately, in accordance with general customs concerning such important nominations. It is said there is no opposition to the appointees for the cabinet and to the nomination of the attorney general, William H. Moody, to be associate justice of the supreme court despite the fact that it was determined to refer these to committees.

The reason advanced for the delay is that no message of any character had been received from the president, and therefore it would not be proper to transact business. The important nominations follow:

Secretary of the Treasury—George B. Cortelyou.

Attorney General—Charles J. Bonaparte.

Postmaster General—George L. Von Meyer.

Secretary of the Navy—Victor H. Metcalf.

Secretary of the Interior—James R. Garfield.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Oscar S. Strauss.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court—William H. Moody.

Civil Service Commissioner—John Avery McIlhenny of Louisiana.

Interstate Commerce Commissioners—Edgar E. Clark of Iowa, James S. Harlan of Illinois, Judson C. Clements of Georgia.

Utah Lands Withdrawn.

Salt Lake, Dec. 4.—The Utah state land board has received notice from the land office at Washington of the withdrawal from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws of 18,421 acres of land in Utah. These lands had been selected by the Utah land board for transfer to private parties as agricultural lands, but they are now withdrawn by the government on advice of experts, who pronounce them coal lands. Thousands of acres of valuable coal lands have been obtained by corporations through selection by the Utah land board as agricultural lands.

Chief of Police Dinan Indicted.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Abraham Ruef and Chief of Police Jeremiah Dinan were jointly indicted by the

grand jury on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the alleged protection of a disorderly house. Chief Dinan was also separately indicted on a charge of perjury, based upon his testimony before the grand jury. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000 in each case. No attempt will be made to displace Dinan pending the trial of the case.

Dismissal of Negro Troops Questioned

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Foraker of Ohio came forward in the senate with resolutions of inquiry regarding the discharge of the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry. One was addressed to the president and the other to the secretary of war. After the ripple of surprise had passed, the resolutions went over with unanimous consent.

Earthquake at Fort de France.

Fort de France, Martinique, Dec. 4.—An earthquake shock was felt here. No damage was done. The shock lasted one minute and a half.

Suicide at End of Rope.

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—Albert Roll, a German, and supposed to be from Norfolk, committed suicide, hanging in a barn in the rear of the Washington hotel, 200 South Ninth street. To fellow guests he stated that he lost his wife and property and had nothing to live for.

Nebraska Team Defeats Cincinnati.

Lincoln, Nov. 30.—Cincinnati was outweighed and outplayed in the final game of the football season here, Nebraska winning by a score of 41 to 0. The visitors were fairly swept off their feet, especially in the first half, when the local men played their best. In the second half the Nebraskans were careless at times, and Cincinnati was once within striking distance, but could get no nearer than fifteen yards of goal. Cooke was easily the star of the game, his end runs being sensational, one for sixty yards around left end for a touchdown.

EDMUND FISK FOUND DEAD.

Traveling Man Whose Wife Lives in Lincoln Dies in Providence.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 1.—Edmund Fisk, a traveling salesman of Chicago, was found dead in his room at a hotel here, and it is believed that he committed suicide. In the man's possession were a dozen telegrams, apparently from his wife in Lincoln, Neb., and the police say that these telegrams would seem to indicate Fisk took his life because of some family estrangement.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Edmund D. Fisk wife of the Lincoln traveling man who committed suicide at Providence, R. I., confirmed his statement that their relations had not been agreeable. She said she had begun an action for a divorce three weeks ago. Mrs. Fisk, who is young and attractive looking, makes her home with her two children at a Lincoln hotel. She was shocked at news of her husband's act, but said he had frequently threatened to commit suicide.

BRYAN ADDRESSES ELKS

Speaks of Assurance of Immortality Beyond Grave.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—William Jennings Bryan addressed the local lodge of Elks at their sacred session, held in memory of departed members. Mr. Bryan is a member of the lodge and in addressing fellow members, spoke of the great work done in the social life of today by the fraternities.

Mr. Bryan said that all nature proclaims immortality. "Man is boastful," he said, "and yet just as he imagines himself almost omnipotent, just as he reaches out to seize the crown, death touches him, or one he loves, and then he feels how helpless he is. Death turns our thoughts toward immortality; heaven never seems so real to us as when it becomes the abode of some one whom we have known and loved. And then, when these treasures from our hearts are there, we can easily believe that no heart warmed into a glow by the fire of brotherly love will ever suffer an eternal chill, that no spiritual flame that grows brighter with the years, will ever be extinguished never to shine again."

EDNA IRVINE ON TRIAL

Money and Influence Fail to Prevent Law Taking Its Course.

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 3.—Not since the celebrated Tom Horn case has public interest in Wyoming been so aroused as over the outcome of the trial of Edna Irvine, daughter of the state treasurer, who must answer before the December term at Sheridan, beginning today, to the charge of "premeditated assault with intent to commit murder."

Since her hearing on Sept. 20, at which time she was placed under \$1,000 bonds, strenuous efforts have been made to have the case dismissed. Every effort has been made to keep the affair from the press. It is said Miss Irvine has destroyed all her photographs. One venturesome young man who attempted to kodak Miss Irvine was warned to repeat the at-

tempt under penalty of severe chastisement.

EDUCATE ON FARM

Chancellor of University of Nebraska Tells What Science Is Doing.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Benjamin Andrews, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, in an address before the Social Education congress, made a plea for scientific farming. His theme was "Industrial Education in a Prairie State." He emphasized the growing demand for light on topics pertaining to the farm.

Mr. Andrews cited the action of congress in passing laws to aid the farmer and of the various experiments and tests of grains in different states, as a result of which the agricultural section received much benefit.

As indicating the stupendous value of agriculture the speaker cited that in the last government year book one item of the nation's wealth was \$659,000,000 worth of dairy products. No farm crop brings this sum except corn. The meat industry does not. The dairy product cited combined with the value of dairy cows, \$482,000,000, reaches a total of \$1,147,000,000, more than all the meat cattle of the land are worth together with hogs and sheep.

"The most important problem in agriculture is, and always has been, conserving and increasing soil fertility," said Dr. Andrews. "By good farming you perform the miracle of eating your cake and keeping it, too."

He declared that scientific methods were making agriculture considerably independent of rainfall.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Edwards Sentenced to Ten Years.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 1.—Everitt Edwards, who was found guilty on Nov. 21 of causing the death of Miss Anna Grosh, through performing a criminal operation last March, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Omaha Coal Trust on Trial.

Omaha, Dec. 1.—Judge Sutton overruled the demurrer to the coal trust indictments and the last technical obstacle to a speedy trial of the case was removed. Forty-seven of the defendants were called up before the judge's bench, the indictment read to them and each of them entered a plea of not guilty.

Woman Gets Verdict.

David City, Dec. 3.—The case of Mrs. Sarah Young against R. L. Berndg and the Metropolitan Mutual Bond and Surety company of Omaha for the sum of \$5,000 damages for the excessive sale and giving away of liquor to her husband, Lee Young, which caused his death on Feb. 22, was given to the jury, and after being out about thirty hours the jury brought in a verdict of \$1,500 for the plaintiff.

Governor Exceeds Authority.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—Governor Mickey's executive order directing the release of William Campion, a young man held in the Seward county jail on a paternity charge, has been set aside by Judge Good of the district court there with a ruling that the governor had no authority to issue a pardon in Campion's case. The latter has been tried a second time on a charge of child desertion and a jury found him guilty. He is accordingly held in custody. The second charge is supposed to be a means of keeping Campion in jail despite Governor Mickey's action.

AMENDMENT IS NOW A LAW.

Governor Mickey Makes Formal Declaration of the State Vote.

Lincoln, Nov. 30.—Governor Mickey issued his proclamation declaring the railroad commissioner constitutional amendment adopted. The total number of votes cast for the amendment was 147,715 and 46,977 against it.

Dr. H. J. Winnett, member of the newly elected railway commission, has written to Robert Cowell and J. A. Williams, the other members of the commission, suggesting a meeting to be held in Lincoln during the early part of December for the purpose of organizing. The commission has to select a secretary and a stenographer. Dr. Winnett has spent some time in Iowa looking up the workings of the commission in that state.

WORK ON A PURE FOOD BILL.

Doctors Propose to Have Drugs as Well as Foods Tested for Purity.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—The legislative committees of the various state medical societies met with some of the members of the board of secretaries of the state board of health at the Lindell hotel and discussed a pure food bill, to be introduced in the next legislature, and to have the support of the societies. It was decided to indorse a bill providing the enforcement of the pure food bill be entrusted to a food commissioner working in conjunction with and under the authority of the state board of health. This board is to appoint chemists and inspectors, and all of the work and tests will be made in conjunction with the state university. Attached to the bill,

however, will be a section providing an appropriation for the establishment of a laboratory, where all tests in typhoid cases, diphtheria and any other sickness can be made free of costs and where all medicines and drugs can be analyzed and passed upon the same as food products.

In the main the bill will be like the national food law. It will provide that all patent medicines shall be labeled with their contents and all drugs will have to be just exactly as represented to be.

AFFIDAVIT IS REPUDIATED

Witness Declares He Never Read Paper Before Signing.

Omaha, Dec. 4.—"I wish to explain this affidavit by saying that I did not take up the land in good faith, that is, with the intention of living on it."

This statement was made on direct examination in the federal court by William H. Campbell of Missouri Valley, a witness in the big land trial. Attorneys for the defense had submitted in evidence an affidavit signed by the same Mr. Campbell, in which the witness declared he did enter the land in good faith and with the intention of living on it.

This affidavit was written with a typewriter and on this point Mr. Campbell said:

"The affidavit was presented to me already typewritten. I did not read it before signing it. The paper was brought to me by a young man at Missouri Valley. I do not know his name."

The defense has entered more vigorously upon the general attempt of discrediting the testimony of witnesses for the government and this was one move in this general plan.

In his general testimony the witness told practically the same story that has been repeated by all the soldiers who had been solicited to file on the lands by the Halls at the Iowa end of the land and Huntington, Hoyt and Comstock at the Gordon end of the line. The same general procedure of making a visit to the lands, expense free, and all filing fees paid for by Huntington or Hoyt, were gone over in detail.

INSURANCE POLICIES CANCELLED

Slight Chances of Convicting Tobacco Trust Busters Who Used Torch.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 4.—All insurance policies covering buildings owned or controlled by the tobacco trust in western Kentucky were cancelled as a result of the burning of two stemmeries by a mob which entered Princeton last Friday night. The excitement caused by the mob's action is still intense, interest being heightened by the inquiry begun by Fire Marshal Ayres. Several witnesses were examined, among them being prominent citizens. All had encountered members of the mob, but with one exception they testified that they failed to recognize any of the raiders. The fact that one witness who had previously declared he recognized members of the mob, testified to the contrary, is taken as an indication that the chances of securing convictions are slight.

GETS FOUR YEARS FOR A JOKE

Cobbler Who Made Europe Laugh Sentenced in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—William Voigt, the cobbler who made Europe roar with laughter, was tried and sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Voigt, who is old, wizened, and bent, arrayed himself in the second hand uniform of a captain, commanded a detachment of soldiers, led them to the suburb of Koepenick, and with their aid held up the town hall, made the burgomaster a prisoner and carried off the cash in the civic treasury.

This he did on Oct. 16, sent the burgomaster a prisoner to Berlin with the soldiers, and disappearing with the money. For two weeks all Europe laughed at the joke and finally when the bogus captain was captured and revealed as a broken down derelict of a man, and a cobbler, roared.

554 Bids for Indian Lands.

Lewton, Okla., Dec. 4.—Up to closing time 554 bids had been received at the government land office on the "Big Pasture" claims of the Kiowa country, which are now being sold at auction. Of these bids, 270 came through the mails. Judge Witten, chief of the legal department of the general land office, expressed surprise at the small number of bids received thus far. He attributes this to the fact that nearly every one is waiting to see how many bids are going to be made so as to regulate the amount he must bid to get a claim.

Funeral of Samuel Spencer.

Washington, Dec. 3.—All that is mortal of Samuel Spencer, late president of the Southern railway, whose tragic death on his own railroad on the morning of Thanksgiving day shocked the people of two hemispheres, was laid to rest in the receiving vault at the Oak Hill cemetery, there to await final disposition. A notable tribute was paid to the memory of the distinguished railroad magnate by his associates, by statesmen and by men eminent in the walks of public life.

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