

GEORGE NEWHOUSE

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HOTTEST MESSAGE EVER SENT TO CONGRESS.

President Urges Lawmakers to Perfect Laws—Acts Bearing on Control of Great Corporations Need Attention—Employers' Liability.

Washington, Feb. 1.—An unusual and almost unprecedented scene was enacted in the house of representatives as the result of the reading of a special message to congress by the president, urging additional legislation in the matter of relations of labor and capital and of corporations and the public. The vigorous language of the document brought forth storms of applause, first on the Democratic side of the house and then on the Republican, and culminating in a general demonstration by the entire body.

The reading of the president's message was the chief feature of the senate proceedings. The message received careful attention on the part of many senators on both sides of the chamber. The senate ordered the printing of 10,000 copies.

Extracts From Message.

"The recent decision of the supreme court in regard to the employers liability act, the experience of the interstate commerce commission and of the department of justice in enforcing the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws, and the gravely significant attitude toward the law and its administration recently adopted by certain heads of great corporations, render it desirable that there should be additional legislation as regards certain of the relations between labor and capital, and between the great corporations and the public."

He urges the re-enactment of the employers' liability law in such form as to avoid the objections found fatal by the court, and also very urgently advises that a comprehensive act be passed providing for compensation by the government to all employees injured in the government service.

Attention is again called to the need of action regarding the abuse of injunctions in labor cases.

The president then proceeds to repeat recommendations made in previous messages as to desirable railroad regulation legislation. He says the interstate commerce commission should be empowered to pass upon any rate or practice on its own initiative.

In reference to the Sherman anti-trust law, he repeats the recommendations made in his message at the opening of the present congress, as well as in his message to the previous congress, and he adds: "I do not know whether it is possible, but if possible, it is certainly desirable, that in connection with measures to restrain stock watering and over-capitalization there should be measures taken to prevent at least the grosser forms of gambling in securities and commodities, such as making large sales of what men do not possess and 'cornering' the market. There is no moral difference between gambling at cards or in lotteries or on the race track and gambling in the stock market."

Reference is made to the denunciation by the Standard Oil company and of the Santa Fe railway of the courts and juries by which they were convicted. These statements, published broadcast, and declaring innocence, "are very ingenious," says the president, "and are untruthful in important particulars." He then quotes in full a letter from Edward Chambers, general freight traffic manager of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway system, to G. A. Davidson, auditor of the same company, dated Feb. 27, 1907, sent by Francis J. Heney, in which it appears that Mr. Ripley of the Santa Fe road, who had said that he knew nothing about any rebates being granted by his road, participated in arranging a rebate agreement between the road and the Associated Oil company.

"The methods by which the Standard Oil people and those engaged in the other combinations of which I have spoken about have achieved great fortunes can only be justified by the advocacy of a system of morality which would also justify every form of criminality on the part of a labor union, and every form of violence, corruption and fraud, from murder to bribery and ballot box stuffing in politics."

Striking Passages in Message.

"It is not the puppets, but the strong cunning men and the mighty forces working for evil behind and through the puppets, with whom we have to deal. When we are able to put the real wrongdoer in prison, this is what we strive to do."

"That stockholder is not innocent who voluntarily purchases stock in a corporation whose methods and man-

agement he knows to be corrupt. The apologists of successful dishonesty always decain against any effort to punish or prevent it on the ground that any such effort would injure business. They have the greatest business men, honest workmen, honest farmers, and honest laborers, and they have the honor of a nation at stake. The business world is not of the sort that for honesty is the kind of business which, in the long run, it pays the country to have. It is the kind of business which is bound to make the name 'high finance' a term of scorn to which all non-American men of business should join in putting an end. The opponents of the measures we champion single out now one and now another measure for special attack, and speak as if the movement in which we are engaged was purely economic. It has a large economic side, but it is fundamentally an ethical movement."

NEGRIS LOOT SINKING LINER

Thrilling Story Told by Crew of Ascum

Hamburg, Feb. 6.—A thrilling account of the sinking of the steamer Ascum after several weeks, which recently went on the rocks on Grand Bank, Labrador, and became a total wreck, is related by the sailors of the steamer, who have arrived here.

The night the steamer struck was a dark one and she seemed to be going to pieces rapidly. The crew took to the boats and immediately thousands of practical negroes, in canoes, surrounded the steamer, swarmed aboard and plundered her. The seamen tried to hold on to the hostile coast in the darkness and were compelled to stay in the small boats throughout the night. When morning came the crew landed and camped in the brush for several days, always fearful of an attack.

Meanwhile they watched the negroes going to the ship and returning from her laden with booty. Finally the vessel disappeared. After this the negroes departed and the crew, taking to their boats again, rowed for seventeen hours and were picked up, completely exhausted, by a passing steamer on Monrovia.

STORM COVERS WIDE AREA

Snow, Cold Wave and High Winds in the Northwest.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A snowstorm raged last night over the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior regions and in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

The snowfall was accompanied by a high northwest wind and reached its greatest severity in northern Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas, where low temperatures were recorded.

The wind reached a velocity of thirty miles an hour in Chicago, driving the heavy, wet snow before it with tremendous force and seriously interfering with street traffic. In the outlying districts traversed by surface lines of street cars, much difficulty was encountered in keeping the tracks open. In the height of the storm a train on the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago electric line collided with a motor car, the accident being due to the blinding snow, which obscured the view of the motorman. Twenty-four persons were more or less seriously injured, though no one was fatally hurt. The injuries were chiefly bruises and cuts from flying glass.

REV. FRANK BRISTOL INJURED

Ten Pound Ornament Falls from Ceiling, Striking Him on Head.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Rev. Dr. Frank Bristol, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, had a narrow escape from death in his pulpit. While he was offering prayer, a plate ornament, weighing ten pounds, fell from the ceiling, a distance of fifty feet, striking him a glancing blow on the head. He fell to the floor unconscious and bleeding from a severe scalp wound. He is suffering from nervous shock, but his condition is not considered serious. No one knew for the moment Dr. Bristol fell what had happened. The first impression was that a bomb had been thrown. There was a period of commotion and outcry as the congregation rose, some rushing for the door, when an appeal to be calm averted what might have been a panic.

Blizzard in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—High wind, blowing snow and falling temperature were conditions which prevailed all over southeastern and central Nebraska. The snow, which fell heavily, but gently, began to drift with the rising wind, and blizzard conditions prevailed at nightfall. Steam trains were slightly delayed and street car service hindered. Aside from the hardship it will cause among the poor and suffering by stock, the snow is welcomed.

Killed by Broken Buzz Saw.

David City, Neb., Jan. 30.—Frank Vatava was killed and three were seriously injured in a steam buzz saw accident at Octavia. While attempting to cut a large log the saw snapped, the pieces flying in all directions.

COUNTY OPTION TO BE SLOGAN

Nebraska Anti-Liquor League Trusts to Succeed.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—A board of trustees of the Nebraska Anti-Liquor League met at Lincoln, Neb., to discuss the county option. The board was composed of J. B. Beck, state superintendent of the Anti-Liquor League, and J. W. Hilton, secretary of the Omaha district. Dr. Samuel Z. Leland was chosen as president, O. J. Johnson of Wahoo, vice president; Thomas Darrah, state attorney; J. W. Hilton, secretary; J. M. Gule, treasurer and attorney. A board of seventeen trustees was also made up of some of the most influential and aggressive citizens of the state, headed by Chancellor Ayresworth of Cotner university.

The league adopted resolutions pledging themselves to nominate and support only those who will support county option in the next legislature.

DECLARE WAR ON LIQUOR

Nebraska Temperance Union Would Make State Dry.

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—Declarations for statewide prohibition were made at the meeting of the Nebraska Temperance Union, which met at the state capitol. Most of the speakers declared the time was ripe to drive the liquor traffic out of the state. President George Sutherland of the Baptist college at Grand Island said prohibition was now in the air; that the banner of victory floated over Oklahoma and Georgia, and Nebraska would be next. Resolutions were adopted pledging opposition to any candidate who espoused the liquor traffic and support to those who would aid the prohibition movement.

WANT STATE BACK OF DEPOSITS

Omaha Real Estate Exchange Adopts Resolution as to Currency Insurance.

Omaha, Jan. 31.—A resolution in favor of a state guaranty of deposits in all state banking institutions was adopted by the Omaha real estate exchange. The resolution called upon the governor to summon a special session of the legislature to act on the question "if no other method of securing the result can be found." The question is declared to be the most important question before the people of the state and necessary to the successful carrying on of the real estate business.

Burlington Shops Shut Down.

Lincoln, Jan. 30.—Orders were received temporarily closing the Burlington shops at Havelock, beginning today. The same order closes the repair shops at Lincoln and extends to the shops at Alliance, Plattsmouth, Wymore, McCook and Sheridan, Wyo. Six hundred men are affected at Havelock, and smaller numbers at the other towns. The plan of the company is to have brief shutdowns from time to time rather than discharge any of the force. It is thought the men will work at least half time, probably more.

Charities Conference Elects.

Omaha, Jan. 29.—The eleventh annual session of the Nebraska conference of charities and correction elected the following officers: President, B. D. Hayward, Lincoln; first vice president, S. P. Morris, Omaha; second vice president, Mrs. W. E. Page, Syracuse; secretary, W. L. Stevens, Lincoln; treasurer, Louise McPherson, Omaha; enrolling secretary, Mary R. Morgan, Alma. Lincoln was selected as the next meeting place.

Killed at Trap Through Accident.

Cozad, Neb., Jan. 30.—At a shooting match at the Garrison farm, Kent Vasey, aged twenty-one, was shot and instantly killed by Harry Hess, a young man living in Cozad. The shooting was purely accidental and happened while Mr. Vasey was in the act of loading the trap with blue rocks. Only three shot struck Vasey, one in the nose, another in the eye and one in the temple. The last two penetrated the brain.

Files Complaint Against Liquor Dealers

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—State Food Commissioner Johnson filed complaint against forty Omaha and South Omaha saloon men and druggists, charging them with violating the state pure food law by selling liquor in packages that were not labeled. The complaints follow an investigation by a department inspector and they will be turned over to the county attorney of Douglas county.

Hastings Merchant Kills Self.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 30.—Charles H. Kipp of the wholesale grocery firm of Kerr, Kipp & Co., prominent in business circles here for twenty-four years, committed suicide, as the result of overwork and worry, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. His body was found in the ware room of his store.

Uncle Sam Wants to Buy Horses.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—Major Swobe is advertising for bids, to be opened March 3, for a lot of horses for the army. There are wanted 456 cavalry horses, 5 artillery horses, 34 riding horses and 370 small horses for delivery at Omaha or other prominent railway points.

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Japanese Diplomats Coming.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The new Japanese ambassador at Washington, Mr. Takahira, leaves Rome today for his new post, and Wu Ting Fang, the new Chinese minister at Washington, starts from Shanghai tomorrow. This will soon bring to Washington two of the best known of Oriental diplomats. Mr. Takahira comes at an opportune moment, when the international relations of the United States and Japan are attracting unusual attention. He will take up the immigration question at the point where his predecessor, Viscount Aoki, left it, although the recent official exchanges between Washington and Tokio have given a far more satisfactory aspect to the negotiations.

Three Killed at a Crossing.

Peru, Ind., Feb. 3.—Alfred Kling, Mrs. Alfred Kling and the former's brother, Ora Kling, were killed at Bennett's switch, thirteen miles south of this city, by being run down on the crossing of the Indiana traction line by a car, going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The three persons were in a carriage enclosed with curtains. The motorman did not see the vehicle until fifty feet away.

Bryan at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—An enthusiastic reception marked the appearance of William J. Bryan at the Lyric theater here to address a meeting of the Young Men's Christian association. The theater was packed to the doors and many were turned away. Democrats from various sections of the state held a meeting and organized the Bryan Democratic league.

Rev. Landrith Stricken.

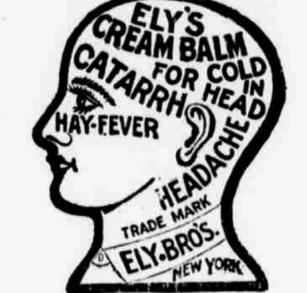
St. Louis, Feb. 3.—While en route here from Nashville, Rev. Ira Landrith, general secretary of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis and immediately upon arrival was taken to the Southern hotel and attended by Dr. L. H. Behrens. On advice of Dr. Behrens, Rev. Landrith was taken back to his home in Nashville.

Burials Alive Are Lessened.

London, Feb. 3.—The report of the association for the prevention of premature burial states that the association has made marked progress during the year. Forty-seven cases of premature burial have been prevented. From all information it seems probable that hundreds of persons were buried in a state of suspended animation.

Hughes Hits Race Track Gambling.

New York, Feb. 3.—Governor Charles E. Hughes made a trenchant plea for the abolition of race track gambling in a speech delivered at the Majestic theater in Brooklyn, at a mass meeting of the "citizens' anti-race track gambling campaign."



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