

SHAW WANTS THE LETTER

President Roosevelt's Mailed Message Falls to Arrive.

ONE COMES FROM WILSON INSTEAD

Secretary of Agriculture Extends Congratulations on Accession to Treasury Portfolio - Iowa Claims at Washington.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Shaw's letter from President Roosevelt, which was mentioned in the dispatch from the president, failed to show up today. The governor received callers from among the teachers, and this evening attended a reunion of the alumni of Cornell college, from which he was graduated. In an interview he said:

"I have always been a great admirer of Secretary Gage. I believe that anyone would be condemned by the American people who would announce a deviation from his policy."

The governor said he regarded his speech on the financial question, delivered at Norfolk last April, as the simplest presentation of his views on finance.

Fearing that he had been misunderstood or misquoted, Governor Shaw tonight authorized the following concerning his alleged commitment to any definite treasury administrative policy:

"I have spoken in the highest and most complimentary terms of Secretary Gage's administration of the office of secretary of the treasury. Further than that I have not spoken and shall not speak. This statement is given in no other interpretation than that I do not propose to discuss these problems at this time."

Hears from Wilson. Governor Shaw this morning received a personal letter from Secretary James Wilson. This letter gave him great pleasure.

It is pointed out that the taking of Governor Shaw into the cabinet may have a great influence on the Iowa war claims department. The auditor of the war claims department of the treasury is a native of Iowa and the assistant was appointed from Iowa. Governor Shaw has recently presented to the Treasury department Iowa's claim for several hundred thousand dollars of back war claims. It is said there is nothing to be done but to have these claims examined, audited and paid.

There is much misunderstanding as to the financial affairs of Governor Shaw. When he was elected, governor he had already accumulated considerable property and was in a position to make some investments at that time. He was interested in a bank or two in his home county and some lands. Since he was elected, governor he has invested with others in a big ranch in Woodbury county and in this he and associates have invested \$53,000. Some litigation followed in regard to the title, but Shaw and his partners won. Attention has been made to a Texas estate. He became an investor with Lang Beer, of this city in rice land in Texas and they have 4,000 acres of land near Beaumont. They were offered \$100,000 for a portion of this oil land, but refused to sell. Oil has been found near the land, but no prospecting has been done on their land. Their investment was \$50,000. Governor Shaw also became interested in a bank in Council Bluffs and is an officer in four banks at present. He has holdings in an insurance company, which he helped to organize here, but these are not his business. He is a business associate of the governor today estimated his wealth at about \$250,000, but not more. It is all in such form that he need not give it his personal attention.

Position on Asset Currency. Governor Shaw says he positively refuses to be interviewed at present in respect to the asset currency question in respect to his or Secretary Gage's administration of the Treasury department. He says the nearest he came to an expression of opinion on the asset currency question was in a speech delivered at Norfolk, Neb., last April, and which was published in the Bankers' Journal, but he would not say just what his views were.

In an address delivered before the Northwestern Nebraska Bankers' association at Norfolk, Neb., on April 22, 1901, Governor Shaw said in respect to asset currency, of bank circulation based on assets:

"I have been asked to say something on the subject of bank circulation based on assets. This is not an issue in politics, nor have we any legal division of opinion on it. I shall, therefore, not attempt to defend it. I am willing, however, to go on record as in favor of an elastic currency, and if I believed there was no other way to secure an elastic currency, other than asset currency, then I should advocate such an issue."

The main point of the fact that it is claimed that an elastic currency places the control of the volume of currency in the hands of the government. I should control the volume? I am willing the railroad shall determine the number of cars to be used, and I am willing the railroad shall determine the number of cars as long as there is a demand for them. If the number of cars is determined as they are employed when the crops are being moved, but literally acres of cars stand on sidings, and the volume of circulation while the crops are growing. If cars could be constructed as cheaply as currency can be issued, they would be built in the spring and rebuilt in the fall.

Public Prejudice a Danger Element. But as I have said, I do not believe it necessary to recede to asset currency in order to provide an elastic currency. I recognize a public prejudice exists in respect to a currency based on assets, and prejudice, so long as it exists, constitutes an element of danger to the country. I myself, against the prejudice here, contains no element of danger. I believe that a graduated tax on currency based on government bonds would result in elasticity that would be a great benefit to the country as an advocate, or so much as intimating, the correctness of the scale of taxation I suggest. I make it only to bring out an idea.

Suppose banks were permitted to issue a volume of circulation equivalent to one-

LONG SAYS INCREASE NAVY

Regardless of Cost He Declares Large Marine Necessary.

CLAIMS GROWING COMMERCE DEMANDS IT

Battleship Missouri is Launched Amid Enthusiastic Demonstrations—Miss Cockrell Christens the New Vessel.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 28.—The battleship Missouri was launched at the ship yards here today at 11:12 o'clock. Full 15,000 people is estimated saw the big defender sail. The launching passed off with a hull and none perished or more successful were ever accomplished here. Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator F. M. Cockrell of Missouri, was sponsor for the ship and she performed the duty assigned her with the traditional bottle of champagne, using a bottle of Missouri product for the purpose.

The number of distinguished guests gathered around the sponsor on the christening platform was larger than ever seen here. Among them were Secretary Long, Secretary Hitchcock, Rear Admiral Moffett, U. S. N., chief of bureau of steam engineering; Rear Admiral O'Neill, chief of ordnance; Judge Advocate Lemly, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Governor J. A. Lee of Missouri, acting for Governor Dockery; Governor Tyler of Virginia; C. H. Spencer, U. S. L., representing the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company; Congressman Riskey, representing the house committee on naval affairs; Senator Cockrell and a number of army and navy officers.

Mr. Roosevelt, wife of President Roosevelt, came up from Old Point on the United States dispatch boat Dolphin, with her guests, and viewed the launching from the steamer deck. When the big ship had glided off the ways into the water the crowd on the quays, the three for the army and the navy, three for Secretary Long, then three for the ship yard. After inspecting the various departments of the plant the guests repaired to the ship yard wharf, where they boarded the Dolphin.

ACTON TO REVOKE CHARTERS

Suit Begun Against Railroads Supposed to Be Controlled by Morgan Interests.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Suits in quo warranto were brought late this afternoon by the state of Crawford and Logan counties to revoke the charters of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo Railroad company, the Buckeye Coal and Railway company and the Sunday Creek Coal company. The suits were brought in the names of the prosecuting attorneys of Crawford and Logan counties. They were prepared by Frank Monnett, formerly attorney general and now attorney for the Anti-Trust league David Hugh and E. B. Finley.

The charters of the companies are attacked on the ground that they are controlled and operated as one in violation of the state laws forbidding combinations in restraint of trade and consolidation of the parallel lines of railroad. The properties are all popularly supposed to be controlled by the Morgan syndicate.

For a first cause of action it is claimed the corporations are operating in violation of the statute of March 18, 1882, forbidding the aid of one corporation by another through subscriptions to its capital stock, and prohibiting the least or purchase of one railway by a parallel line. It is charged that the Hocking Valley and Ohio Central are virtually controlled and that their stock interests are identical.

For a second cause of action the plaintiff cites section 427 of the Ohio anti-trust law and charges that the defendant companies are in combination as shown by their having given joint mortgages. It is also charged that they have conspired together to limit the production of coal while increasing the price of shipment and the cost to the consumer. It is charged that the roads named are in a combination in violation of the laws as to freight and passenger rates covering all forms of traffic. The companies are charged with shutting off the supply of coal to manufacturers and fixing a common standard for all their operations.

For a third cause of action evasion of taxation and falsely returned valuations are charged. It is charged that the banks for filing the taxable property of the Hocking Valley railway mailed to the proper officers by the auditor of state April 1, 1901, were returned with schedules showing property susceptible to taxation aggregating \$4,606,065, whereas the company's taxable property at the time was in reality \$45,658,806.77.

Mr. Monnett refused to say by whom the suits were instigated. He denied a charge that Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland was back of them, but said that Johnson was interested in the prosecution of the cases.

YOUNG MAN ADMITS GUILT

Harvey Bruce Implicates Himself and Companions in Murder.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—One of the most sensational murder cases ever known in New York state terminated today by a confession by Harvey Bruce, aged 21, in the form of a statement to his mother and aunt. The statement is witnessed by Mayor Charles S. Harvey and County Treasurer George H. May. Bruce, the son of a wealthy farmer of Greenport, was committed on Christmas Eve by Bruce and Willis, Burton and Fred Van Wormer, brothers, aged 20, 23 and 26, nephews of the murdered man.

The full report of the confession will not be made public until Monday at the coroner's inquest, but enough has been told to show that the prisoners, all of whom live in Kinderhook, eighteen miles from the Hallenbeck home, drove to the scene of the crime, tied their horses at Hallenbeck's barn, went to the rear of the house in the moonlight rapped on the door, and when the old man opened it shot him to death, firing thirteen shots, eleven of which penetrated the body. The crime was witnessed by Hallenbeck's wife and mother, and the other members of the family being at Christmas eve services less than a mile distant.

CARNEGIE TO ASSIST YALE

Rumor He Will Give It One Million Dollars for Its Building Fund.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rumors are in circulation to the effect that Andrew Carnegie is getting ready to give \$1,000,000 to increase Yale's building endowment fund. President Hadley of Yale, according to New Haven, Conn., reports, declines to discuss them or affirm the rumor.

Mr. Carnegie also refuses to make any comment regarding either this rumor or his alleged intentions with regard to a magnificent gift to Columbia university.

OBJECTS TO THE PROTOCOL

Argentine Now Declines to Submit Questions to King Edward.

TROUBLE WITH CHILE IS REOPENED

Violent Demonstrations Occur, Presumably as Result of Signing Peace Measure, Which is So Unpopular.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Official advices received in diplomatic circles here indicate that the Chile-Argentine line controversy is again open. According to these advices the peace protocol referring to the whole subject to arbitration was signed at Santiago three days ago. But the action of the Argentine minister in placing his signature to the document seems to have caused resentment at Buenos Ayres, both among the prominent officials and the people.

Accordingly the Argentine minister informed the Chilean Foreign office that he was unable to concur in all the terms agreed on heretofore and signed. In particular he specified two points on which the Argentine government refused to subscribe. First, the withdrawal of police from the Ultima Esperanza province, and second, the submission to King Edward of England. The formal refusal of Argentine to sign has not yet been submitted, but the informal statement of the minister to the Chilean foreign office is regarded as a serious intimation that not a termination of the proposed settlement.

WARRANTS FOR POSTMASTERS IN NEBRASKA

Edwin Barnum at Loomis, Maud Taylor at Strang, Herman Schmitt at Kilgore.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Dietrich today recommended the following postmasters: Edwin Barnum, at Loomis, and Miss Maud M. Taylor, at Strang. Senator Millard has recommended Herman Schmitt, postmaster at Kilgore, Cherry county; also the establishment of a postoffice twenty miles northwest of Burwell, Garfield county.

Miss Gertrude Dietrich, who is visiting her father during the holidays, is becoming a favorite in social circles. Miss Dietrich is a guest in Mrs. Hagan's home. Her January 31 will be one of a party of young people whom Mr. Roosevelt has invited to the White House.

These Iowa rural free delivery routes have been recently established. February 1, Magueta, Jackson county, additional service; area, 104 square miles; population, 2,785; E. W. DeFratras, J. L. Kingsley, Samuel Russell and Roscoe Streets, carriers. Northmouth, Jackson county; fifty-one square miles; population, 1,625; John Deane and Isaac Norton, carriers. Stanton, Montgomery county; sixty square miles; population, 1,600; Louis Larson and C. G. Nelson, carriers. The postoffices at Fulton, Hurstville and Canton, Jackson county, are to be supplied by rural carrier. Biddek and Walling, Montgomery county, are to be discontinued.

TO PAY MILITARY HONORS

War Department Arranges for Its Part in Funeral of Senator Sewell.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The War department has made arrangements to pay the usual military honors to the memory of the late Senator W. J. Sewell of New Jersey. In recognition of his services as a major general in the army during the war of the rebellion and the Spanish war, instructions were sent today to General Brooke, commanding the Department of the East, to provide an escort at the funeral to take place at the residence of the late Senator in New York. Governor Voorhes of New Jersey, as commander-in-chief of the state National Guard, issued an order today announcing the death of United States Senator William J. Sewell, late commander of the National Guard of New Jersey. By the War department will send four companies of artillery to attend the funeral as part of the military escort.

CARNegie MODIFIES OFFER

Makes Proposition on Which President Roosevelt May Base Some Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt has received information from Andrew Carnegie that is expected to enable him to submit to congress a form of gift of \$10,000,000 to the United States for higher education. The offer will not be in bonds of the United States Steel corporation, as formerly proposed, but will be in a form expected to be generally satisfactory. The gift is likely to be in cash or in securities drawing annual interest.

VETERANS ARE EXCEPTED

President Amends Civil Service Law to Admit Soldiers as Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The president, at the instance of veteran associations, has amended the civil service rules applicable to the rural free delivery service so as to except from the operation of the age limit veterans of the civil and Spanish-American wars who file applications for appointment as carriers.

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