

CONGRESS HEARS THE MESSAGE

Formality of Reading it Alone Consumes Hour and a Half in Each House.

REPUBLICANS ARE PLEASSED

Members of the Majority Regard it as a Satisfactory Document.

COMMENT BY CHAMP CLARK

Democratic Leader Says Big Subjects are Reserved for Later Messages.

MR. EITCHCOCK BRINGS IN BILL

Nebraskan Introduces Measure for Physical Valuation of Property Affected by Telephone-Telegraph Mergers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Having assembled and received the president's annual message, congress today found itself literally "out of work" and in consequence both houses adjourned over until Friday.

Little fault was found with the message by republicans, who seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the president could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledge.

The message is written in the president's customary terse, vigorous style, commented Representative Payne, the majority leader in the house, while Representative Clark, the minority leader, thought that about all that could be said about the message was that it was comparatively brief.

In both houses the message was subjected to the most careful scrutiny and while the members paid little attention to the perfunctory reading of it by the clerks they buried their heads between its pages and digested as much of it as they could at one reading.

Following the custom the message was referred to the committee of reproduction by both houses, to be prepared for "reproduction," by the various committees whose business it is to deal with the various subjects discussed by the president in his message.

The senate adjourned at 1:30 o'clock out of respect to the memory of Representative Eitchcock of Missouri and Senator of Virginia. The house adjourned at 1:45 o'clock.

Bill by Mr. Eitchcock.

Striking close upon the recent reports of the merger of the telegraph systems in the United States, a current resolution was today introduced by Representative Eitchcock of Nebraska, providing the secretary of commerce and labor to have the bureau of corporations prepare for congress a statement of the physical valuation of the telegraph, telephone and cable lines and other tangible property belonging to the Western Union Telegraph company and the American Telegraph and Telephone companies. The data is to be complete to December 1, to embrace the subsidiary concerns and to include the capital stock, the bonded debt of each of the three corporations and approximately the market value of the stock and bonds. The resolution authorizes the bureau to employ surveyors and appraisers for this work.

Bureau Chiefs May Talk.

Secretary Dickinson loosened the gag which President Taft put in the mouths of chiefs of bureaus last week by issuing an order that allows the chiefs to talk quite a little to congressmen, should they drop around their offices.

For instance, Secretary Dickinson informed the bureau chiefs in his department that they could respond directly by issuing an interpretation of the presidential order that allows the chiefs to talk quite a little to congressmen, should they drop around their offices.

Rabbis Take Wood Alcohol.

Legislation aimed at corporation lawyers in congress, particularly those representing railroads, is the object of a resolution today by Senator Borah of Idaho and referred to the senate judiciary committee.

Precedence in Army.

Representative Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, has undertaken to settle the vexing problem as to precedence in rank among officers of the different branches of the military service when they are together by introducing a bill today which provides that under such circumstances the highest line of military service shall assume command.

Money Private Pension Bill.

Repeal of the recent old age pension legislation, providing a pension of not less than \$10 per month for practically all of the old soldiers of the country, congress is still being impeded for increase to \$15 per month as set out in the general legislation was enacted. Of the \$100 or \$100 private bills already presented in the house a large majority are for private pensions.

Faithful? Yea. and Fidelity is Rewarded

Farm Hand, Who Worked Without Pay 18 Years, is Left Fortune by Mistress.

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return unto you after many days." For eighteen years Carlisle B. Boydland worked as a farm laborer for Mrs. Mary E. Griffen. He worked long hours. He worked hard. His mistress was not always able to pay him the wages of \$25 a month which he earned several times over.

When Mrs. Griffen was in financial straits he loaned her money. He was patient in all circumstances. He saved what money he received from her and he got a few dollars ahead with which he was recently able to marry.

May Close Shop to End the Strike

This Method May Be Used by Owners of the Plant at Bridgeport.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 7.—An important conference is being held at the general office of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company here today in connection with the strike at the Aetna Standard Plate at Bridgeport, O. Two propositions are being considered, as follows: The dismantling of the plant and the placing of the orders of the company at some of the other plants.

Newton Charges Will be Heard

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Fixes Date in Asylum Case.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings fixed December 7 as the date for hearing charges preferred by Felix Newton against Dr. Woodard, superintendent of the Lincoln insane hospital. Newton alleges incompetency and mismanagement and the use of a small share of the public funds for the superintendent's personal benefit.

BONI WANTS TUTOR FOR SON

Also Asks Court to Say Who Shall Escort Youngsters to School.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Count Boni de Castellane instituted a new court action today in connection with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the present Princess de Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of their three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress.

JOHN DREW IS BADLY HURT

Actor Thrown from Horse and Trampled on New York Bridle Path.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse while riding with his daughter on the bridle path in Central park today and seriously injured. The horse tripped on the actor as he lay on the ground. A passing automobile stopped and Mr. Drew was picked up and hurried to the Presbyterian hospital.

John Drew is Badly Hurt

Mr. Drew is at present appearing in a play in this city.

Dargaszewski Vainly Tries to Yoke Jim and Bryan

Nick Dargaszewski came near to creating a riot in a corridor of the city hall Tuesday morning.

Nick is the famous one-time mayor of Sheshtown, who has now moved into the second ward as a more promising field for operations.

DOXEYS ARE CHARGED BY THE CORNER

Woman from Columbus Charged with Poisoning Her Husband and Accessory

HUSBAND AN ACCESSORY

Jury Accuses Him of Having Guilty Knowledge of Crime.

MRS. DOXEY NOT AT INQUEST

Witness Taken to Jail Identifies Her as Mrs. Erder.

DEAD MAN'S MOTHER TESTIFIES

She Says Her Son Was Taken Ill After Eating Blackberry Pie Made by His Wife—Dr. Doxey in Jail.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Dr. Loren H. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., and his wife, Mrs. Dora H. Doxey, who have been in jail here since Saturday on an information charging murder, were held to await the action of the grand jury tomorrow by a coroner's jury late today.

Dr. Doxey was arrested at the door of his home when he was seeking admission to his wife and lodged in the holdover.

Fourteen witnesses identified Mrs. Doxey as the woman who lived with William J. Erder, the man she is accused of poisoning, as his wife, Dr. W. H. Warren's report showing arsenic had been found in the body of Erder was submitted.

Rest of Verdict. The jury returned the verdict as follows: "The jury finds that William J. Erder came to his death on July 10 by arsenic poisoning, administered by his wife, Dora E. Erder, alias Dora H. Doxey, alias Dora E. Fuller, and that Loren H. Doxey had guilty knowledge of the fact. Verdict, homicide."

Mrs. Doxey did not attend the inquest, but the witnesses were taken to the jail. Her sole reply to her identification was: "I am not sure, but I am certain I am not." They are most certainly mistaken.

Dr. Doxey did not testify. The coroner asked him two questions, to which he refused to reply. He was not sworn as a witness. Mrs. Katherine Erder, mother of the man Mrs. Doxey is accused of killing, testified her son became ill after eating a blackberry pie which his wife had made.

All witnesses before the coroner's jury were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury tomorrow.

Witnesses Taken to Jail. Mrs. L. B. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., who is accused of causing Erder's death, was not present at the coroner's proceedings. Dr. Watson, the jail physician, decided that because of the cold weather and his weakened condition it would be unsafe to take her to the coroner's office.

Because of Mrs. Doxey's absence the witnesses who were depended on to identify her as Mrs. Erder were taken to the women's quarters in the city jail. There four other women were placed on oaths like that occupied by Mrs. Doxey.

With one exception all the witnesses identified Mrs. Doxey as having been known to them as Mrs. W. J. Erder.

The identifications were made by nine men and five women. Among the latter was Miss Kate Erder, sister of the dead man, but Mrs. Doxey gave no sign that she recognized the woman whose efforts to clear up Erder's death resulted in her imprisonment.

After five of the witnesses had pronounced her to be the Mrs. Erder, Mrs. Doxey was asked: "Are these witnesses mistaken as to your identity?"

"They most emphatically are," was the reply with considerable vigor. Then another witness was escorted into the room. Mrs. Doxey sank back on her pillow, apparently in a stupor.

KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK

Engineer Meets Death in Collision on the Northwestern Near Harps.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Orin N. Celdrum of this city, a Chicago & Northwestern engineer, was killed in a head-on collision between two freight trains on Arlington hill last night. No others were hurt. Coldrum's train was a westbound extra; the other was also an extra, eastbound. Both engines and several box cars were wrecked. Engineer Coldrum was a prominent Odd Fellow and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He leaves a wife and three children.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETS

Members Represent 17,000,000 Communicants of Protestant Organizations.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—Representing 17,000,000 Protestants, the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of America began its annual meeting at the Warren Memorial (Presbyterian) church in this city today. About fifty members of the committee of which Dr. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman are in attendance.



From the Philadelphia North American.

ECONOMY IS THE KEYNOTE

Secretary McVeagh's Estimate for 1910 Show Big Decrease.

DEFICIT OVER SEVENTY MILLIONS

Estimates for Next Year Show Surplus of Nearly One Million—Tax on Bank Notes and Bond Issues is Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Retrenchment is the keynote in the estimates of expenditures for the executive departments of the government for the fiscal year 1911, embodied in the annual report of Franklin McVeagh, secretary of the treasury, made public today. This is in line with President Taft's declared policy of greater economy in administering the affairs of the government.

The total estimates for 1911 are \$771,250,000, which are less by \$25,525,000 than the appropriations for 1910 and \$24,011,423 less than the estimates for 1910. The total estimated receipts for the current year aggregate \$645,000,000 and for 1911 about \$670,000,000, leaving an ordinary deficit for the current year of \$24,075,429 and for 1911 a surplus of \$46,775,449. Adding the payments on accounts of the Panama canal and the public debt, the total deficit of the present year becomes \$73,075,429 and for 1911 a surplus of \$71,125.

Revenue System Too Rigid. Secretary McVeagh, emphasizing the "hard rigidity of the present revenue system, with its recurrent economical austerities, and its long intervals of 'flit,'" says it will be necessary to meet these deficits by self-imposed bonds or certificates of indebtedness. "In due course," he adds, "it would seem that it must be made practicable to both estimate receipts, with a close approximation to the actual, and to provide for their annual rise or fall by some flexible factors in our annual taxation."

Reductions in the present estimates, Mr. McVeagh declares, result from improved handling of the government work and the postponement of expenditures which can be delayed in an effort to adjust immediate expenses and receipts. He sounds a warning, however, that the reductions in appropriations will be disappointing unless equal attention is given to other important savings.

Secretary McVeagh reviews the organization, or rather lack of organization, of the fiscal responsibilities of the executive and legislative branches of the government and the reorganization thereof now in progress. He voices the hope that there will be "constant progress away from the extreme disorganization of the past" and observes that "even if our country is rich it cannot afford to, a wholly unscientific in its appropriations."

Tax on Bank Notes. Probably the most important recommendation made by the secretary is that the tax on bank circulation secured by United States bonds hereafter deposited bearing interest higher than 2 per cent shall be increased in exact proportion to the increase in the rate of interest above.

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Winter Wheat Area is Greater Than Last Year

Report of Board Shows Almost 2,500,000 Acres More is Newly Seeded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture today estimated the newly seeded area of winter wheat at 7.3 per cent greater than revised estimates area sown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 2,443,000 acres, the indicated total area being 33,683,000 acres.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 95.5, against 85.3 on that day a year ago.

The newly seeded area of rye is estimated at between 1.2 per cent greater than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 25,000 acres, the indicated total being 2,125,000 acres.

The condition of rye on December 1 was 81, as compared with 81.6 last year.

The preliminary estimate of area sown to winter wheat this autumn and the condition December 1, by states, are as follows:

Table with columns: State, Area Sown, Per Cent. Rows include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma.

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Pierce Not Guilty is Jury's Verdict

Texas Oil Magnate is Acquitted of False Swearing at Austin, Tex.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of H. Clay Pierce, charged with false swearing, returned a verdict here today of not guilty.

Judge Calhoun, in a special charge to the jury, sustained the contention of Mr. Pierce's lawyers that he was immune from trial under the laws of Texas as the counsel for the state sought to use testimony given by Mr. Pierce on the witness stand in Missouri with the intention, if possible, of securing his conviction.

TRAIN BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Special Carrying Salt Lake Man Lowers Time from Chicago to New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—All east bound records between New York and Chicago on the New York Central railroad for trains carrying passengers were broken today by the special carrying Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City on his trip to catch a steamer for Europe, where a brother is dying.

Approximately the train traveled the distance in seventeen hours and forty-five minutes against eighteen hours which the Twentieth Century limited makes.

As indicating the great speed of the train today, the run of 84 miles from Chicago to Albany was made in 80 minutes. An especially fast bit of running was that between Rochester and Syracuse, the eighty-five miles being covered in seventy-five minutes.

Taft Spending Nights on Question, "What is Whisky?"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft is putting in all his spare time these days struggling with the question of "What is whisky?"

By succeeding appeals the question has been carried through the food and drink experts of the Department of Agriculture charged with the administration of the pure food and drugs act, to the solicitor general of the United States and to the president himself.

The printed evidence and the briefs of the distinguished attorneys who have appeared in the controversy form a record equal to that of many of the cases which

SPRING GUN KILLS CODY MAN

Popular Druggist Shot in Mysterious Waw as He Enters Bedroom.

INQUEST MAY BE SENSATION

Evidence to Indicate Character of Man Who Laid Trap—Efforts to Locate the Murderer.

CODY, Wyo., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—E. A. Ash, manager of the Western Drug company here, was shot last night at midnight by a trap gun set in his sleeping room. The shotgun was so arranged that it exploded when he opened the door. He was carried to a hospital and lived for two hours, the charge having passed through his stomach.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and had no enemies, as far as is known. He was very popular here. A brother is employed in the dispensary department in the Panama canal zone, and a sister is a music teacher in Boston.

New clues in the murder of S. A. Ash have led the officers to make the statement that after the second inquest it is obvious that the person who arranged the shotgun understood the setting of bear traps and the tying of knots and slip nooses. The murderer was in no wise a novice in the western ways. The gun was set as trappers arrange a gun for bears around a bait. Tracks left in the snow outside the small window, from which the screen was torn, are those of a man with a small foot, one who toed in as a man toes in who is much in the saddle. The track also might have been made by a cowpuncher boot, high heeled and rather narrow in the toes. It is pretty well established that two persons were present, although one only did the actual work.

Mrs. E. Foster, a neighbor, heard two men retreating over her back fence. She did not look out, but heard one say to the other: "Is it all right?" The reply was: "Yes."

Bloodhounds have been sent for and are expected tonight. The county officers, prosecuting attorney and sheriff are hot on the trail. A thousand dollars reward has been offered by the county and business men of Cody.

The murdered man was conscious only long enough to express the wish that his property should go to Miss Dorothy Newhouse, his fiancée. Mr. Ash has a brother identified with the work upon the Panama canal, and it is hoped that his whereabouts may be learned through the Associated Press, as his address is unknown in Cody.

Nothing since the holdup of the First National bank and the killing of the cashier has so shocked the community. The muffled gunshot, the groans of agony from the dying man as he crawled toward the hospital in the bitter cold, leaving a trail of streaming blood behind him upon the snow, his body literally riddled with shot, have made an impression upon the minds of those who heard and saw the ghastly sight which will not easily be effaced.

Rumors identifying a well known man with the crime are rife, but whether the officers have discovered anything tangible general outside of the Sheriff's address is as yet not public property.

LAST MOVE OF JOHN R. WALSH

Chicago Banker Files Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The petition of John R. Walsh, convicted banker, for a writ of review from the United States supreme court will be filed in Washington, December 20. This action marks the last attempt of the former financier to escape the penalty of five years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

Best ten ears white dent corn: Herman Hart, Amoret, first, 35; John Lewis, second, 34; Albert Lea, second, 33; Thore Ouse, second, 32; A. Sather, Hills, third, 31.

Best ten ears white dent corn other than yellow or white: J. W. Beckman, Oketo, first, 30; Herman Hart, Amoret, second, 29; John Lewis, second, 28; J. A. Reetz, Payneville, third, 27.

Best ten ears flint dent corn: Fred E. Wibel, Lake Elm, first, 31.50; E. A. Burman, Liberty, second, 31; H. B. Hanson, Albert Lea, first, 30; A. O. Recken, Albert Lea, second, 29; James Bryndice, Camo, third, 28.

Best peck flint white: Herman Hart, Amoret, first, 35; Michael Butterfield, Hills, second, 34; Michael Backus, Fisher, third, 33.

Best single blue stem wheat: E. B. Wells, Pierce City, first, 42; C. F. Nelson, Graham, second, 41; Carl G. Newhouse, Brandon, third, 40.

Best peck wheat other than flint or blue stem: J. W. Beckman, Oketo, first, 30; Alfred Beckman, Oketo, second, 29; J. A. Reetz, Payneville, third, 28.

Best peck durum wheat: George Poot, Hills, first, 30; Paul Burstein, Riverview, second, 29; Ed Morgan, Preston, third, 28.

Best peck white oats: A. A. Vansickel, Warren, first, 30; Antonio Kuit, Warren, second, 29; G. A. Griffith, Waterville, third, 28.

Best peck flint oats: George Poot, Hills, first, 35; Michael Butterfield, Hills, second, 34; Michael Backus, Fisher, third, 33.

Best peck oats other than flint or blue stem: Herman Hart, Amoret, first, 35; A. W. Johnson, Lambsboro, second, 34; Mungie & Sons, Warren, third, 33.

Best peck six-row barley: J. W. Beckman, Oketo, first, 30; Herman Hart, Amoret, second, 29; J. A. Reetz, Payneville, third, 28.

SHAFROTH URGES BETTER FARMING

Colorado Governor Delivers Perseverent Plea at Corn Exposition for Improvement of Agriculture.

TODAY CORN ASSOCIATION DAILY

Uncle Henry Wallace Will be in Charge of General Program.

MANY WILL TELL OF PROGRESS

State Vice Presidents of Organization Testify as to Results.

MEXICAN BAND PROVES MAGNET

Thousands Hear Two Delightful Concerts Yesterday Afternoon and Evening—J. J. Hill Prize Winners are Announced.

LIVE STOCK DAY.

Thursday, December 9.—S. G. A. Hall, 10:30 p. m.—"Covers," Fred Thomas Shaw, editor of the Dakota Farmer.

"Relation of the Native Grasses to the West and Live Stock Show at Denver," 1:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band.

2:00 p. m.—Music hall.

3:00 p. m.—Waters, president of the National Corn Exposition, presiding. Address, James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern railway.

3:00 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "Live Stock and Agriculture in Argentina," Herbert W. Mumford, professor of animal industry, University of Illinois.

4:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National Band.

6:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National Band and motion pictures, "President Taft at Live Stock Exposition, Seattle." OTHER MEETINGS.

American Breeders' Association, Hotel Rome.

TODAY'S PROGRAM. Wednesday—Music Hall.

8:30 a. m.—Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer, presiding.

"Progress of Organized Agriculture," testimony as offered by the various state vice presidents of the National Corn association, regarding the development and work of organizations promoting corn and small grain improvement in their respective states.

1:00 p. m.—Music hall.

"Conservation of Our Soil," Cyril A. Hopkins, professor of agronomy, University of Illinois.

3:00 p. m.—"Soil Fertility and Live Stock," Joseph B. Wing of the Breeder's Gazette.

4:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National Band.

6:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National Band.

Governor Shafroth of Colorado left no doubt in the minds of Corn exposition visitors last evening as to where he stands on the question of agriculture. He was the principal speaker in the evening and his address, teamed with enthusiasm for advanced agricultural ideas.

Governor Shafroth has been a Corn exposition boomer from the start and his enthusiasm has since increased. Preceding Governor Shafroth's remarks the Mexican National band delighted attending thousands by its renditions.

The second portion of the evening's program consisted mainly of a travelogue lecture by Dr. Charles A. Payne of Milwaukee, who took "Mexico" for his subject. Dr. Payne told of the Montezuma country, its people and customs in a most entertaining manner.

The Mexican band is making as great a hit as its predecessor in Omaha ten years ago when that band took the entire Trans-Mississippi country by storm. All the musical selections are most pleasing and while the snow storms have kept down the crowds at the show, many have been at hand to listen to the entire program.

The band is especially strong in brass and when the leader turns on the full latent force of the instruments back of him, he is able to make the walls of the big Auditorium fairly vibrate. The wood wind section is also good and the reeds have not been found wanting in any of the numbers played.

This general scientific side of the exposition went forward with a vim yesterday, although outside of the farmers only a few of the women folk held the center of the stage. In respect to arousing general interest this year's exposition is far ahead of that of last year and this is making for increased attendance.

This will be National Corn association day at the exposition with Henry Wallace of Des Moines presiding. The general theme is "Progress of Organized Agriculture," and testimony will be given by the various state presidents of the National Corn association. Cyril A. Hopkins of the University of Illinois and Joseph E. Wing of the Breeder's Gazette will deliver addresses.

MINNESOTA AND KANSAS WINNERS

Awards Made to North Star and Sunflower States.

This is the list of winners of prizes in Minnesota for best corn, wheat, oats and barley grown by Minnesota farmers only:

Best ten ears yellow dent corn: John Conrad, Luverne, first, 34; H. B. Hanson, Albert Lea, second, 33; Thore Ouse, second, 32; A. Sather, Hills, third, 31.

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