

FIX A TIME TO VOTE ON CURRENCY BILL IN UPPER CHAMBER

Senators Agree "On Legislative Day of Friday, Dec. 19," for Final Action. MAY CONTINUE INTO SATURDAY Democratic Leaders Expect Measure to Be Passed Tomorrow.

DEBATE WILL BE LIMITED Members Held to Fifteen Minutes on Each Amendment or Bill. HITCHCOCK MOTION BEATEN Provision to Extend Guarantee of Deposits to Cover State Banks Joining New System as Well as Nationalists Lost.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An agreement to vote on the final passage of the administration currency bill "on the legislative day of Friday, December 19" was reached in the senate late today. The agreement provides that debate tomorrow and Friday shall be limited to fifteen minutes for each senator on each amendment or on the bill itself.

The senate spent today in consideration of further amendments by Senator Hitchcock, defeating by 41 to 37 his amendment to extend the guarantee of bank deposits to cover state banks that joined the new system as well as national banks. Senator Owen expressed his approval of this idea, but the democrats would not support it because it had not received the endorsement of the caucus.

Senators Crawford of South Dakota and McCumber of North Dakota, declared this provision would make it impossible for country banks of the northwest to meet an emergency, and that six months' notes of farmers and stock raisers would be valueless in time of a panic because they could not be rediscounted.

Secretary Bryan Asks Embassy Buildings WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Bryan asked today for \$1,000,000 for the construction of embassy buildings in Mexico and Tokio and \$100,000 for Borneo.

Refugees on Ships Landed in Tampico; Conditions Normal WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral Fletcher reported today that normal conditions were being restored in Tampico. His reports state that the weather has moderated and that he has been able to transfer all the refugees back to the summer. A later dispatch advised that the refugees have all been returned safely to Tampico.

WINTER WHEAT IS IN FINEST CONDITION

Estimate of Department of Agriculture for December 1 Places it at 97.3. HIGH SINCE NINETEEN-THREE Nebraska is 86, Against Ten-Year Average of 94. LARGE INCREASE IN AREA Nearly Three Million Acres More Sown Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An increase of 8.8 per cent, or 2,888,000 acres, in the area planted to winter wheat in the United States this fall, compared with the revised estimated area sown last year, was reported today by the Department of Agriculture. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 97.3 per cent of a normal, the highest December 1 condition recorded since 1905.

Federal Bank of Pittsburgh Goes Into Liquidation PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 17.—Stockholders of the Federal National Bank of Pittsburgh this afternoon voted to liquidate the institution. Arrangements had been made with the Mellon National bank of Pittsburgh to pay the depositors in full, payment to begin tomorrow.

Larger Pay for Rural Carriers is Cut from Measure WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Every new proposition in the postoffice appropriation bill, including an item of \$2,000,000 for increased pay for rural carriers, has been eliminated by the house postoffice committee as an economic measure.

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More Arms Seized in Copper District CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 17.—Because there have been no copper strike disturbances since a grand jury started an inquiry Monday into lawlessness the authorities look for little further trouble. A search of the homes of men suspected of connection with recent disorders at the Anheise mine this morning resulted in the seizure of a small number of firearms. Similar searches will be made throughout the district.

Peoria Police Chief and Mayor Under Fire PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 17.—Chief of Police Rhoades, in reply to charges, said today that he would resign as superintendent of police if the allegations made by the Rev. C. C. Clarke, leading the Law Enforcement League, were proven to be true.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Taking advantage of reductions under Underwood tariff law the navy has adopted the general policy of purchasing supplies in the markets of the world, instead of only in the American market. The latest call for bids put out by the navy bureau of supplies and accounts is for 100,000 yards of dark blue cloth for trousers, jackets and caps for enlisted men.

Body of Merchant is Found Under Debris of Burned Motor Box BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The charred body of George H. Baker, 48 years old, of Owego, a business man and son of a former state railroad commissioner, was found lying beneath the burned remnants of his touring car a short distance from this city today. Baker left Owego last night to visit his sister in this city and started for home about 4 o'clock this morning. It is supposed his machine jumped the road, overturning and pinning him beneath it.

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Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

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SEVENTEEN PER CENT OF DELEGATES FROM SOUTH IS LOPPED OFF

National G. O. P. Committee Reduces Dixie's Quota from Thirty-Three to Sixteen. ACTION IS MADE UNANIMOUS Must Be Endorsed by States Entitled to Cast Majority Votes. PLAN COMES AS COMPROMISE Howell Leads Losing Fight, Seeking to Make Cut Still Greater. HE IS BEATEN, FORTY TO FIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The republican national committee concluded tonight its labor for reform in party procedure and launched its campaign for reunion of warring elements by adopting a resolution providing for a radical change in the basis of representation in national nominating conventions, which would reduce the quota of southern states from 33 to 16 per cent of the convention's total.

Old Claims of Naval Employees Will Be Presented to House NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Since the late 70's, when 2,000 employees at the Brooklyn navy yards worked two hours overtime each working day for four years on a promise of extra pay, annual meetings of the men, their widows, children or other heirs have been held to discuss means for collecting the claims, varying from \$300 to \$1,000.

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