

STEPHENS PUSHES INDIAN MEASURE

Nebraska Congressman Advances Bill to Put Indian Land on Tax List.

AID TO THURSTON COUNTY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Stephens today was fortunate in having his bill, providing for the taxation of the lands of the Winnebago and Omaha Indians in Thurston county, Nebraska, reached on the unanimous consent calendar in the house and to be able to substitute the senate bill for his own. The passage of the bill will make it law just as soon as the president affixes his signature to the measure.

The Stephens bill, as it should be rightly named, taxes the Indian lands in Thurston county. It provides that the lands of the Indians now held in trust by the government shall be placed on the tax rolls the same as the white man's lands on the expiration of the present trust period.

At the present time, according to Mr. Stephens, the land taxes in Thurston county are probably double those of any other county in Nebraska owing to the fact that nearly one-half the land is held in trust for the Indians by the government. This operation as a great injustice to the Indians who have already received patents to the lands and are compelled to pay the existing high tax rates.

This bill will place all the lands in Thurston county on the tax roll, and according to Congressman Stephens should operate to reduce materially the rate of taxation. It is of vital interest to the residents of the county for under it roads may be built, schools provided and bridges constructed.

French Financier Worth Half Million Ordered Deported

New York, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reputed to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of inquiry of the board of immigration here today. He appealed to the Department of Labor at Washington.

The baron's exclusion was directed, it was announced at the office of the commissioner of immigration, on the ground that he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude. Details as to the character of the alleged offense were withheld by the board, the explanation being made that information must come from the Washington authorities. It was understood that a charge against him is pending in the courts of France and it was presumed that the board considered his status as that of a fugitive from justice.

The Ellis Island officials said they ordered on the board Oppenheim, who arrived on the Neordam yesterday, came from the bureau of immigration at Washington to which all inquiries were referred. Word came from Washington that the immigration department knew nothing there of the detention. Oppenheim's only explanation for his being held is that "it might be a case of mistaken identity."

A circumstantial report was current that Oppenheim had arrived here with some \$500,000 in cash and securities which he had with him, it was said, when removed to the island.

The National Capital

The Senate.

Met at noon. Military affairs subcommittee began hearing on universal training bill. Major General Root, army chief of staff, recommending the volunteer system be discarded.

Privileges and elections committee named subcommittee to re-draft corrupt practices bill.

Joint subcommittee on public lands began reconsideration of oil land leasing bill.

Adjourned at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday.

The House.

Met at noon.

Reopened debate on District of Columbia prohibition bill.

Considered legislation on unanimous consent calendar.

District of Columbia appropriation bill carrying \$12,821,180 favorably reported.

General Weaver of the coast artillery testified before the military affairs committee.

Adjourned at 6:37 p. m. to 11 a. m. Tuesday.

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CARRANZA DELAYS DEFINITE ACTION

First Chief Does Not Sign Protocol, but Sends Message to Commission.

PROBABLY WILL ACCEPT

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Indications at the close of the morning session of the Mexican-American commission were that General Carranza was not disposed to close the door against an agreement with the American representatives who have been trying for more than three months to solve questions at issue between Mexico and the United States.

When the commission reconvened today after a three-week recess, Albert J. Pani reported the results of his visit to Queretaro. The report was made verbally and was received by the Americans without comment. An adjournment until later in the day was taken when it is expected the details of his written message from Mexico will be discussed.

The exact character of his report was not revealed but it was learned that while Carranza had not signed the protocol drafted at Atlantic City, this was not necessarily to be taken as an indication that it would not be ratified later, the signature perhaps being that of Ambassador-designate Arrendondo, who is authorized to sign the document.

Message Not Signed. It was understood that Mr. Pani's message was not signed by Carranza but it was in the form of a communication from the Mexican commissioners authorized by the Mexican executive and calculated to be an answer to the statement made by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commission, made on the last day of the conference at Atlantic City.

To the terms of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops within forty days and on conditions no new raids occur in that part of the country about the region now occupied by General Pershing's column, it is believed Carranza had offered no insuperable objection. It is known the declaration of Secretary Lane that the American government reserved the right of unrestricted pursuit of bandits by American troops wounded deeply the sensibilities of Carranza and members of his official family and that the message brought by Mr. Pani was little more than a counter declaration of the policy of the Mexican government.

Ratification Probable. Unless this counter suggestion is regarded by the American members as of such definite character as to preclude further discussion it was believed that Carranza will not delay long the ratification of the protocol and that the conferences will be formally resumed. That such an outline of the Mexican policy would block the negotiations was considered improbable because the Mexican question at issue—the right of unrestricted pursuit—was not included in the protocol itself.

An incident of the preliminary session was the appearance in the hotel of J. J. Hayes, who represented himself as Villa's publicity agent. He made an unsuccessful effort to secure an audience with the American members of the commission.

H. T. Winter Gets Estate Long in Litigation

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 18. (Special.)—In circuit court, in a second trial, the jury returned a verdict in the famous Gee Winter estate, involving property worth \$25,000, in favor of the claimant, Harrison T. Winter, of Milaca, Minn., whom the jury declared to be a half brother of the deceased, as he claimed. The case was made most complicated because of the fact the jury had to decide which of two decedent George Winters was the half brother of Harrison T. Winter. A mass of family history and stories of pioneer days was unfolded at the trial by nearly 100 witnesses.

New Pastor at Berlin.

Berlin, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Rev. F. H. Saemann, former pastor of the Lutheran church at Rock Port, Mo., has been elected to the pastorate of the Lutheran church here.

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SIX LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT CHEYENNE

Roy A. White, Wife and Four Children Die When Inter-ocean Hotel Burns.

BIG FIRE IN U. P. SHOPS

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 19.—Roy A. White of Bayles, Cal., his wife and four children lost their lives early today when fire destroyed the Inter-ocean hotel, where the Whites were guests. The bodies of Mrs. White and two sons were found in the ruins today, while a 9-month-old baby, rescued by firemen, died from burns. One child still is in the smoldering wreckage.

White was killed when he leaped from the third story of the hotel and fell among electric wires. Fifteen guests were rescued by firemen. While search continued in the ruins today for additional victims, hotel officials declared their belief that all had been accounted for. The hotel was constructed twenty-five years ago and was undergoing remodeling. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

White's father recently died and the family accompanied the body to Chariton, Ia. The Whites reached Cheyenne Sunday on their return trip to California. They stopped here to visit Miss Fern Patterson, sister of Mrs. White. As there were not sufficient accommodations at the home of Miss Patterson, the family went to the hotel, engaging a room about an hour before the outbreak of the fire.

While the fire department was fighting the hotel flames, fire broke out in the paint shops and store house of the Union Pacific railroad. Only the walls were left standing. The loss was estimated at \$166,000. Both fires were believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

Torpedo Damages French Battleship

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—(Via London.)—A French battleship of the Patrie class was torpedoed and badly damaged by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 12, according to an official statement issued in Berlin today.

The statement also reports the torpedoing on December 11 of the "armed transport Maghelen," a 6,000-ton vessel, having on board 1,000 troops.

Fast Moving Mother of Five Children is Sought

Probation Officer Gus Miller seeks the whereabouts of Mrs. Charles J. shop, whose five children are in the Detention home. He asserts that the family moves so often that he can't keep track of it, and he desires to talk with Mrs. Bishop regarding the disposition of her children.

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FATHER IS ALSO INJURED

Mrs. Charles Post, aged 30, is burned so severely that she may not recover and her husband nurses painful burns about the arms and face as a result of a fire, caused by an explosion of gasoline, which totally destroyed their \$2,000 ranch home at Sixty-sixth and Dodge streets at 9 o'clock Monday. Five little children in the house at the time were rescued by their father, assisted by neighbors, and they are uninjured.

Mr. Post, who is proprietor of a dairy which adjoins the property and who is well known in that district, suffered his injuries in a heroic effort to save his wife from harm.

Mr. and Mrs. Post were engaged in heating a quart of gasoline to prime a pump when the explosion occurred. They placed a jar of gasoline in a pan of hot water on the stove and the heat broke the bottle. Its contents sprayed on the stove and Mrs. Post's clothing caught on fire. Mr. Post carried his wife from the house and beat out the flames, but before this was accomplished practically her whole body was charred. Mrs. Post was taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Raabe, where she was attended by Dr. W. H. Loechner of Benson, who ordered her removal to the Methodist hospital. There her condition is regarded as critical.

Due to the distance of the home from the Benson fire station and the absence of water mains, it was almost totally destroyed before the fire department arrived and little of its contents was saved. The dairy, however, was saved.

Bellevue Postmaster Gets Thousand Salary

Washington, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed for Nebraska are as follows: Fee, Cherry county, James S. Ridgeway, new office; Homestead, Greeley county, Mrs. Nellie Wetzel, vice A. W. Throckmorton, resigned; Trouble, Cherry county, Mrs. Amy Jay, new office. South Dakota: Ravinia, Charles Mix county, Mrs. Mary L. Deuschle, vice J. H. Deuschle, resigned.

The following fourth class post-offices will become presidential on January 1 and salaries of postmasters will be as follows: Nebraska, Bellevue, \$1,000; Jackson, \$1,000; Marquette, \$1,000; Wallace, \$1,000; Iowa, Canton, \$1,000; Little Rock, \$1,000; South Dakota, Cresband, \$1,000; Rockham, \$1,100; Roscoe, \$1,000.

The postoffice at Silverthorn, Morrill county, Nebraska, has been discontinued; mail to Broadwater. Rural letter carriers appointed: Nebraska, Bellwood, route 2, Irving H. Weyand; North Platte, route A, Fred L. Sporrier; South Dakota, Twin Brooks, route 1, Floyd L. Brown.

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POLICE CHARGED WITH PERSECUTION

Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Colored, File Complaint Against Three With the City Clerk.

SLABAUGH THE ATTORNEY

Josephine Bird, negro, employed at the saloon and restaurant of S. N. Pavlica, 123 North Tenth street, is complainant in charges filed with the city clerk against Steve Maloney, Dan Lahey and Felix Dolan of the city detective department. The document

will be presented to the city council Tuesday morning in a formal manner and a date will be set for hearing.

Mrs. Bird admits having maintained a disorderly house at 1021 Capitol avenue and claims having paid money for protection. She also alleges that she and her husband have been persecuted by the officers mentioned in the complaints. The Birds are known to the police.

When the woman and her husband called on Chief Dunn last week to make verbal complaint, the chief stated their evidence did not warrant him filing a complaint, and his suggestion was that they file a complaint if they believed they had a case.

Charles Bird, husband, has been employed at a saloon at 111 South Fourteenth street. Judge Slabaugh signed the complaint as attorney.

The complaint cites an alleged recent instance of assault by Lahey and Dolan.

Mr. Maloney made this statement: "The woman has lied. I can't stop anybody from lying. I arrested her several times and had her and the husband up on a white slavery charge. There is nothing to the charges she makes, absolutely nothing to it."

Detectives Lahey and Dolan denied all of the statements made by Mrs. Bird in her charges.

Jimmy Wilde Knocks Out Frankie Di Melfi

London, Dec. 18.—Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of England, knocked out Frankie Di Melfi, known as Young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the eleventh round of their match today.

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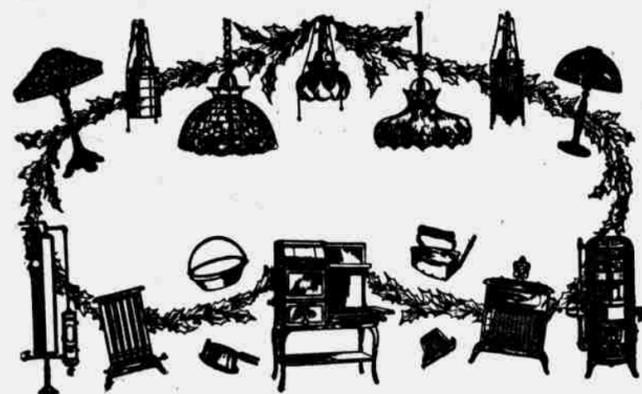
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