

Nebraska LEGISLATURE IS GOING SLOWLY

Only Fourteen Bills Reach Governor and Members of Each House Blame Other.

LITTLE SPIRIT OF UNITY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, March 17.—(Special.)—Fearful of breaking the speed laws of the state, the legislature is going slowly; in fact, more slowly than any previous legislature. Whether it is because they know the road ahead of them is rocky, full of bumps and other obstructions, or whether they simply cannot get the old single-cylinder affair to working right, remains to be discovered, but be that as it may, up to today but fourteen bills have reached the governor, while in the session of two years ago, which was considered one of the slowest in the history of the state, fifty-five bills had reached the governor by St. Patrick's day.

Each House Blames Other.

Some fault is found by members of one house that bills which have been passed in their end of the state house are held up in the other end until that body gets ready to take them up. In fact, Mr. Taylor of the house is raising a little howl because a bill he introduced covering arrangements of names on the ballot, which went over to the senate on the first day of March, has not been taken up by that body. Other members would like to kick a little, but are fearful that it might prejudice their bills in the other body.

Dodging Responsibility.

This condition perhaps is not very much different than in former sessions except that it may be a little more so, but it has been a well known condition which has existed since the democrats gained control of both branches that has not been the get-together spirit which should prevail if good legislation is to be enacted. It is a well-known fact that one house passes bills from no other reason than they want to put the responsibility up to the other fellows, and already members of the senate are complaining that members of the house are being lower body, which had not the sand to kill them. Just how true this may be remains to be discovered, though it is an every day sight to see members of the house closely in confab with the senators in the upper body and senators likewise with the members in the lower body.

Bills that have reached the governor comprise the following:

- H. R. 5.—By Business Previews that the real consideration shall be shown in deeds of conveyance.
- H. R. 23.—By Mariarty—Baldus school tax leave from 25 to 25 mills in Omaha.
- H. R. 24.—Appropriates \$29,500 for legislative expenses.
- H. R. 25.—Appropriates \$108,000 for membership salaries.
- H. R. 26.—Reduces time of appeal order.
- H. R. 27.—By Haffmeister—Requires railroad companies to build on all unused right-of-way.
- H. R. 28.—Appropriates state normal school funds to their use.
- H. R. 29.—Appropriates income from normal school endowment fund.
- H. R. 30.—Appropriates cash funds of state normal schools in their own hands for normal schools.
- H. R. 31.—Provides for establishment of forest areas by counties.

But ten days are left of the legislative sixty for the senate to work and five more of the house, and it is only necessary to peruse the bills mentioned above which have reached the governor to discover what a really important session this has been so far and how much the people of the state have to be thankful for.

Over One Hundred and Fifty Claim Reward for Bandit

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 17.—(Special.)—Superintendent Bell of the Wyoming division of the United Pacific, on behalf of the railroad company, this morning signed an agreement whereby claims for the rewards offered by the company for the capture and conviction of William G. Carlisle, the train bandit who caused a sensation a year ago by holding up the Overland Limited and other trains in Wyoming, will be arbitrated by Judge C. E. Winter of the Sixth Wyoming judicial district. One hundred and twenty-eight of the claimants for the rewards, which total \$6,500, have signed the agreement to abide by the decision of Judge Winter. There are a score or more of other claimants, a majority of whom are expected to sign the agreement.

York Republican Caucus.

York, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The republican city convention was held Friday evening for the purpose of placing in nomination a city ticket. No nominations were made for mayor. Candidates selected are: Clerk, A. B. Chatterton; treasurer, George S. Cook; councilmen, First ward, Otto Evans; Second ward, William Overstreet; Third ward, C. J. Peterson; Fourth ward, George E. Chilcote. For members of school board of district No. 12, C. H. Kolling and R. R. Cop-

Tecumseh Man Who Threatened to Kill Wilson is Insane

Tecumseh, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Wade A. Wilson, a government secret service man of Omaha, came to Tecumseh and caused Philip Struckhaus, a German laborer, who has resided here for years, to be taken before the Johnson county insanity commissioners and later to the asylum at Lincoln. Had not the commissioner pronounced Struckhaus insane Mr. Wilson would have arrested him and he would have had a serious charge to answer. The strange actions of Struckhaus for the last few years has caused people to believe him insane, but he has not particularly been considered a dangerous man until recently. Of late he had threatened county officers and other citizens.

Not long ago he wrote a letter to "Mr. United States" and addressed it to Omaha. In this letter he stated that he was going to kill President Wilson for his not terminating the war against Germany and that he was going to kill "William Judas Bryan" because the latter advocated the temperance cause. Letter writing is a hobby of Struckhaus and a number of officers and citizens have received his communications.

Some twelve or fourteen years ago, at the time the late Judge J. S. Stull of Auburn was the judge of the district court in this district, Struckhaus sent him a threat upon a postal card. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to a short term in the penitentiary, which he served. Struckhaus has also been in the asylum before. Officers who searched Struckhaus' room found some shooting irons, several horns of powder, etc. The officers also found what seems to be a small bomb, made in freeracker shape. It is as large around as a half dollar and several inches in thickness. The thing is made with wooden ends and is securely wrapped with cloth and string and has been supplied with a fuse. It has not been dissected. There was also several feet of fuse and a pair of knucks.

ROMANOFF LINE LEAVES THRONE; CZAR PRISONER

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such as never before had been heard in those stately halls continued until the men and women were forced to cease from exhaustion.

Lvoff May Be President.

Just what form the new government will assume is indefinite. For the moment entire authority rests with the twelve members of the Duma executive committee and the cabinet headed by Prince Lvoff, who, according to some forecasts, will be president of a new republic. It is believed that in the interim and until the convocation of a constitutional assembly power will slowly pass into the hands of the new cabinet, which will then present the anomaly of a new government without a supreme head.

The differences which threatened yesterday to create a serious split between the Duma committee and the committee of workmen, soldiers and deputies have automatically disappeared since, with the abdication of Grand Duke Michael as regent, the question whether Russia should remain an empire or compel its antiquated government to yield to a new republic, is now solved.

Court Scandals and Intrigue.

As early as two months ago rumors became current that the emperor would be forced to surrender his throne. Until that time the chief dissatisfaction at the economic disorganization of the country and the criminal mismanagement of affairs was vented against the cabinet and the influence of the court was only vaguely alluded to, without touching the person of the emperor. It became definitely known that all irresponsible and evil influences, symbolized by such figures as Sturmer, Protopopoff and Rasputin, had a deeper and more powerful source than the government itself. The prevalence of startling rumors of court scandals and intrigues and

the existence of mysterious channels which seemed to run from court circles into the camp of the enemy, contributed to bring the imperial family into complete disfavor. Whether these were true or not, it was felt that the weakness of the ruling family in allowing persons to direct the affairs of the country who were secretly designing against the best interests of the nation, and apparently doing all possible to interfere with the proper conduct of the war, unfitted them to govern the country.

Empress Center of Plots.

There was little restraint in the manner in which this opinion was expressed. Accusations were made against the empress in almost every gathering where people privately assembled to discuss the political situation. From the tribune of the Duma the same thing was hinted in veiled form. Prof. Milukoff, in his address at the opening of the Duma last November, read an article from a German paper which spoke of a group of mysterious persons, who were gathered around the young empress. He used this article as the basis of an attack upon the "dark forces," which reflected the pro-German influence at the court.

It was the general conviction that when the revolution began that it had been provoked by the government, working through the medium of the police, and that the government had decided upon this daring expedient as the means of completing its previous effort, to tie up the industrial activity of the country and bring the war operations to a complete standstill. But the force which set in motion and which first appeared easy to control, drawing to itself all the discordant elements of the country which were awaiting an opportunity to revolt, soon became so tremendous that it was impossible to hold. The reception of the new manifesto at army headquarters is awaited with the greatest anxiety, for it is known that unless it is favorably met by the 6,000,000 men at the front the new regime cannot endure. There is no reason to suppose that the soldiers on the fighting line will show a different attitude from the soldiers and civilians in Petrograd and other cities, except in as far as their remoteness from the scene of the revolution and partial ignorance of the conditions which brought about may affect them. But since upon their acceptance hinges the fate of the new republic, their answer is being breathlessly anticipated.

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With them rests the decision as to whether Russia shall build up a new government on a prepared foundation or be plunged into further disorder.

Obregon Not Planning Move Against Carranza

El Paso, Tex., March 17.—Secret service agents continued to watch the movement of a number of well known Mexican military men and politicians here, following the rumor yesterday of a prospective break between Carranza and Obregon. The unusual activities of these Mexicans continued today and several informal meetings of the various factions were held in

the lobbies of local hotels and in rooming houses.

An emphatic denial of a semi-official character of the rumor was issued today by Andreas Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates and the ranking Mexican civil official on the American border.

"For military reasons, we are not in possession of definite information regarding the operations of General Murguía's forces south of Chihuahua City," Mr. Garcia said today. "But I am in a position to deny absolutely and emphatically the unbounded rumor that General Obregon is planning or has planned a movement against General Carranza."

Swiss Specialists in Sanitation Go to London

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)
London, March 5.—With the exception of three of the leading officials, who were Americans, the staff of twenty-four formed under Ambassador Page to look after German interests in England, will be retained by the Swiss minister in London, who took over the protection of German affairs here when the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. The three officials were heads of departments and their places have been taken by Swiss.

Switzerland has been asked to send two specialists in sanitation to London, preferably army doctors, who will visit the German prisoners' camps in England, this being part of the duty transferred by the Americans when they gave up the work.

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