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The Senate Ratifies Treaty Agreements

Marks First Step of the Foreign Policy of President

PLACES NATION IN GOOD POSITION

Arbitration Treaties With Leading Nations of the World Renewed for Period of Five Years

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the Senate today, renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson to place the United States in a more advantageous position in the world of nations. Amendments to the treaties having been rejected Friday, debate closed within a few minutes after the Senate today went into executive session and ratified resolutions were adopted one after another without a roll call. Opponents of the treaties made no effort to delay the votes. The treaties, briefly, provide for reference to the Hague tribunal of legal differences, and questions relating to the interpretation of existing treaties which cannot be settled by diplomacy. They are not of themselves, far-reaching; but in view of the long delay in their ratification, during which many disturbing factors, both at home and abroad have contributed to general agitation, the feeling among the senators is that the action today will serve to place the United States on a firmer confidential basis with the powers. The method of procedure toward arbitration fixed by the treaties provides that a special agreement shall be drawn up by defining the details of the dispute and committing the issues and the scope of consideration to be granted to the arbitrators. Such agreements must be signed by the President and ratified by the Senate before the question can be submitted to the Hague. Matters still before the Senate foreign relations committee are the Panama tolls questions, the pending treaty with Nicaragua, and the treaty with Colombia growing out of the surrender of the Panama Canal. Reports on these, it is understood, will be laid before the Senate in the near future.

Although the majority for the ratification of the treaties was overwhelming and the amendment to exempt from the Panama tolls questions was rejected by more than a two-thirds vote, senators who urge repeal of the tolls exemption provision, insist that these votes are not significant of the attitude of the Senate on the tolls issue. Senator O'Gorman tonight said he did not regard the ratification action as a test. He is determined to continue the fight for tolls exemption.

The Senate is looking to the President for some initiative action in the tolls matter and several senators today averred that the issue would be a matter of party caucus. That some Democrats would refuse to endorse such a caucus has been reported for several days.

The treaty with Nicaragua, which has been before the Senate for seven months, is expected to be taken up for further consideration by the foreign relations committee in the near future. It provides for the purchase of a perpetual option on the Nicaraguan canal route, and of naval station rights on the shores of the Gulf of Fonseca, for \$2,000,000. It also proposes to extend the chief features of the Platt amendment, which would give this country control over the customs of Nicaragua, to the relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

MONUMENT FOR BATTLE GROUND
\$150,000 Memorial to Men Who Fought Battle of Horse Shoe Bend

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The House committee on Library favorably reported today the Heflin bill to appropriate \$150,000 to erect on the Talpoosa river in Alabama, a memorial to the men who fought in that battle under General Andrew Jackson.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CLOSES
Washington, Feb. 21.—The golden jubilee of the Knights of Pythias, in session here for the last three days, came to a close tonight with the Pythian ball. The closing day was given over to sightseeing, many knights visiting the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon.

FIERY LANGUAGE USED BY B. R. TILLMAN

In Referring to Governor Bleese and the State Asylum Investigation

Greenwood, Feb. 21.—"There certainly ought to be some political killing," said Senator B. R. Tillman here today in reply to a query about the asylum investigation. "I don't suppose anybody doubts now who Bleese's slavish underlings and satellites are." "Jealousy and envy caused all of this devilment—this monstrosity, in the affairs of our State asylum." "I have been impressed with the fact that Bleese threatened to put Dr. Babcock where he could not speak if the Governor's sister's name was brought into the inquiry, while Dr. Saunders' brother had no one to protect his sister." "The first remark quoted above was in answer to a question from a reporter, who wanted to know if the attack on Dr. Saunders would be used as political capital by anyone in the campaign this summer." "Senator Tillman, with a characteristic gesture, dived into the subject with the remark: "Now, ain't that a nice little of fish. I don't suppose anyone doubts now who Bleese's slavish underlings and satellites are," and he laughed heartily when he said it.

"They at least know one of them, Senator," ventured the newspaper man. "That State senator, you know." "No, they don't even know who he is," replied Mr. Tillman. "Bleese lied about the letter, but that doesn't seem to be a very hard thing for him to do." "And he has," he continued, "claimed that the letter was not given to him by a State senator."

The newspaper man ventured to use the word "mouse" again, and to this Senator Tillman replied with some of his old time fire: "Jealousy and envy caused all of this devilment—this monstrosity. Those doctors realized that Dr. Saunders knew more than they did, and they wanted to get rid of him. It is a disgrace." "Senator Tillman, talked pleasantly (he was in excellent humor) of his two weeks' visit to Atlanta, but had little more to say of a political significance than his opinions in the asylum matter. He was reminded of the fact that Senator John L. McLaurin was in Atlanta during the Senator's sojourn there, but made no comment, except to say that a number of South Carolinians went over to the regional bank hearing, but none of them visited him, perhaps thinking that he did not want to be disturbed at the sanatorium."

EXCLUDED CHILD LABOR PRODUCTS

Bill Would Prohibit Entrance of Such into Interstate Commerce
(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—A bill to shut the products of child labor out of interstate commerce today was introduced by Senator Owen, who said: "I shall be glad if the Senate will rise above the demands of those engaged in making money in mine and quarry, in mill and sawery, in workshop and factory, and guarantee to the children of the nation the opportunities that should be afforded them by the republic."

TERRIBLE STORMS

(By Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—With a loss of probably more than \$4,500,000, and a toll of seven human lives since Wednesday, Southern California tonight began to recover from the effects of the worst storms in the history. With the sun shining most of today, the situation improved considerably, and while nearly all of the towns affected remained isolated tonight, progress was made toward re-establishing wire and rail communication. It is estimated that Los Angeles was damaged to the extent of at least \$1,000,000. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of the damage to city streets alone. The worst reported losses sustained by railroads and by citizens whose homes were swept away by the floods.

ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TRAIN

Some Miscreants Drove Spikes In the Blue Ridge Tracks to Try to Wreck Train

A story was heard in Anderson yesterday to the effect that some miscreant had endeavored to wreck a Blue Ridge railway train by driving two spikes between the rails on that line. According to the information received here, the train would have been derailed and several killed had it not been for the discovery of the spikes by S. D. Broyles. This gentleman is said to have stated that he saw the spikes when midway between the Rocky River and Broyles' crossing and removed them before the arrival of a train, which was even then rapidly approaching.

An investigation concerning the matter has been begun, but so far no trace has been found of the guilty party or parties. If located the punishment inflicted will be severe.

PASSENGERS MARIONED; FOOD SUPPLY EXHAUSTED

(By Associated Press.) San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 21.—Three hundred passengers aboard an overland Santa Fe train tonight were marioned by washouts in the mountains at Cajon Pass. But one dining car is attached to the train and the food supply of that is exhausted, according to railroad reports. Two railroad wrecks, in one of which twelve persons were injured, were caused by the storm and floods near here last night.

SENATOR TILLMAN ABUSES LOBBYISTS

SAYS THEY HAVE MONKEYED WITH 2-CENT MILEAGE

WILL TELL PEOPLE
Matters That the Governor Was Not Sincere in Advocating Passing of the Bill

Special Correspondence. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—Senator B. R. Tillman, who arrived here today from Atlanta, where he has been since his appearance at the asylum investigation in Columbia, gave out the following statement: "I have just returned from Atlanta, where I have been for the benefit of my wife's health principally, and incidentally, of my own. The rest has done us both lots of good. I shall return to Washington as soon as possible, but want to go home to plant my vegetable garden before leaving the state." "I have tried as best I could since the legislature met to keep in touch with what it has been doing, but the two things which have interested me most are the asylum investigation, and the two-cent flat rate for railroads."

JETTON IS CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Mecklenburg Jury Honors the Unwritten Law to Protect Home

(By Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 21.—After having the case under consideration but a short while the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the trial of R. M. Jetton for killing Dr. W. H. Wooten, who Jetton claimed had invaded his home. More than ten hours was taken up today and tonight in argument of the case and the judge's charge. The state asked for one of the three verdicts, first degree or second degree murder or manslaughter. The defense rested its case on the "unwritten law" and self-defense, contending that Jetton shot in defense of his home, to save his eight-months' bride from being seized by the physician, while he himself being attacked by the stronger man.

The state insisted that Wooten was not only an intimate friend of the Jetton family, but present in the home that night by invitation and that he attempted no wrong toward Mrs. Jetton. Sympathizers with Jetton expressed the opinion in the court-room tonight that the judge's charge favored the prosecution, and would hold when they heard him acquitted.

VILLA'S VERSION OF THE KILLING

Claims Benton Drew Pistol With Murderous Intention

DISARMED AND LODGED IN JAIL

Later Tried by Special Military Tribunal, Sentenced to Death and Duly Executed

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The version of Villa's death as related by constitutionalists today was made public by Robert V. Pennington, constitutionalist agent here, in a telegram from headquarters at Juarez. It states: "Benton entered Villa's apartment unexpectedly, demanding protection of his interests and bitterly insulting Villa and the army. General Villa told him that he considered him an enemy to the constitutionalist cause and that in order that he might not continue to work against it, he, Villa, was going to shoot him. The value of his property (Benton's) in the state of Chihuahua."

"Benton became very exasperated at this and drew his revolver, intending to kill the general, but the latter immediately knocked him down, disarmed him and sent him to jail. Benton was afterwards tried by a special military tribunal, sentenced to death and duly executed, all in accordance with the laws and usages of war."

Later Villa telegraphed a lengthy message in which he sought to justify himself and to which he stated that the American action were against the rules of war.

Public Feeling at High Pitch. Official announcement that William S. Benton, a British subject, had been executed by rebels at Juarez Tuesday night; the adoption of resolutions of a mass-meeting here condemning the United States government for its handling of Mexican affairs; exchange of shots between members of the Thirtieth U. S. Cavalry and a score of more of Mexicans; uncertainty as to the fate of Gustav Baugh, an American and a man named Curtis, were startling Mexican developments of the last twenty-four hours. Following in rapid succession these incidents served to bring public feeling to a high pitch and today every official agency was engaged in bringing to light further details.

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BIG INCREASE IN SOUTH'S EXPORTS

Date's Export Products Valued At \$43,500,000 More Than Last Year

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Forty and a half million dollars increase in American products of the south, principally due to the high price of cotton, for the first seven months of the fiscal year, compared with that period of last year, today was reported by the department of commerce.

The total was \$738,607,719; last year's \$694,906,989. Value of cotton exported during the seven months was \$38,000,000 more than in the same period last year, mineral oil \$13,000,000 more. Meat products and dairy products were \$15,000,000 more. Bread stuff decreased \$19,000,000; cotton seed-oil \$3,000,000.

BIRMINGHAM SPECIAL DERAILED; NONE INJURED

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—Passengers and crew escaped injury when Southern passenger train No. 29, known as the Birmingham Special, was derailed near Arrington, Va., early today, according to advices at the road's offices here. Three coaches left the track.

DR. POTEAT COMING TO SPEAK TO MEN

GREAT PULPIT ORATOR IS WELL KNOWN HERE

Y. M. C. A. AUSPICES
On His Last Visit He Made a Profound Impression in This City

The people of Anderson need to be told nothing of Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, for on his recent visit this brilliant speaker and wonderful Christian character thrilled a large congregation at the Methodist church. It will be well-known news that he is again coming to Anderson, this time to speak to men in the court house at an afternoon heart-to-heart rally, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

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Ten Million Dollars to Be Spent For Improvements

In Territory Traversed By the Southern Railway

AN INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT Shows that Company Has Great Confidence in the Future of the Growing South

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Farfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway Company, said today: "The Southern Railway Company, believing in the continued prosperity and growth of the territory it serves, and recognizing the necessity of enlarging its facilities to keep pace with that growth, has, pending the improvement of the market for long-term securities, sold \$10,000,000 of 5 per cent three-year notes, secured by the pledge of development and general mortgage 4 per cent bonds of the company which for some time past, have been held in the treasury of the company available for sale."

"This new capital is to be applied by the Southern Railway Company in carrying through to completion plans for improvements and betterments to and upon the property of the company which were included in the general plan for the future of the railroad made at the time the development and general mortgage was created in 1906.

"The particular improvements now to be undertaken are chiefly additional and enlarged freight yards and other freight terminals, which have been greatly desired and have been earnestly recommended for several years past to facilitate economical operation and to enlarge the opportunity of the company for securing competitive freight traffic, as well as for taking care of local business. These improvements will be undertaken at once and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

"In addition, the improvements provided for, as above stated, the company also has arranged to finance, through a ten-year equipment trust, the acquisition of additional modern rolling stock, largely of steel construction, representing an aggregate cost of more than \$5,000,000. Bills for this additional rolling stock are now being received from manufacturers, and the orders for immediate construction will be placed promptly."

OFFICIAL RECORD COURT MARTIAL

Statement of Authorities in Record to the Execution of Wm. S. Benton

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—The record of the court martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez late today asserts that the Scotshman was present at his trial, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public.

He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information. Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. This statement declares that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public, carried up conviction to the man who asserted that their friend was deliberately murdered.

Benton complained of deprecations on his ranch. Villa charged that Benton was an element destructive of peace and prosperity. Benton answered in harsh and violent terms and asserted that no human power could keep him out of Mexico or cause him to desert his property to further deprecation, the report of Villa claims, and adds that Benton said that he was as good a man as Villa. Then he drew a pistol from his hip pocket. But the general was ready for him and struck. At the same time persons present leaped upon him that he might not make an attempt upon the life of Gen. Villa. Witnesses claimed that had they not been present the general would have been murdered.