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SENATE WILL PASS CURRENCY BILL TODAY

Leaders Expect President to Sign Bill Before Christmas.

SPEECHES TO BE LIMITED.

With Defeat of Hitchcock Amendments Affirmative Work Will be Started.

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

While the legislative day may run over into Saturday it is the expectation of senate leaders that the bill will be passed before midnight Friday night. If important amendments are pending at that time, however, a recess may be taken until Saturday morning, as the Republicans would not consent to the agreement until the Democrats promised they would not keep the senate in session all night Friday.

Democratic Leader Underwood, of the house, today was in conference with senate leaders in preparation for the final stages of congressional action on the currency measure. It is thought that but two days will be taken for the completion of the bill in the joint conference committee. House leaders have kept in close touch with all changes made by the senate and they expect President Wilson's signature to be attached to the measure before Christmas. The big task of organizing a federal reserve board and creating the vast system of regional banks then will begin.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED.

The senate spent today in consideration of further amendments proposed 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. A motion by Senator Hitchcock to increase from 90 days to 180 days the maturity date of paper that could be submitted for rediscount at the regional banks also was defeated, 39 to 34.

The Democrats at 6 o'clock tonight gathered in a hurriedly called conference to settle all final differences over the bill and agree upon amendments which they would support. The list of amendments submitted to the caucus included many of those which had been proposed by Senator Hitchcock, or by Republicans and voted down, and it was said several of these might be offered tomorrow or Friday by Senator Owen and adopted as part of the bill.

JOHN W. THOMAS, JR., DEAD.

Head of Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Passes Away.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—John W. Thomas, Jr., 57 years old, president of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, died at his home here at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. Thomas had been ill for three weeks with pleurisy pneumonia.

Mr. Thomas was born at Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 24, 1856. At an early age he moved to Nashville. In 1878, at the age of 22 years, he obtained his first important railroad position, although previous to that time he had been in the railroad service. He served in a Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis machine shop, then advancing to agent and dispatcher, purchasing agent, assistant general manager, finally succeeding his father as general manager in 1899.

On March 1, 1906, shortly after the death of his father, he was elected president of the road. Mr. Thomas was an authority on railroad appliances, and was considered a mechanical genius. One of his most important inventions was a pneumatic switch and signal system. He was an active member of the General Managers Association of the Southeast, and was a member of the association's committee on maintenance and appliances.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Dillie Duncan, of Nashville; three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Martha Thomas Riddle and Miss Ellen Thomas, all of this city, and one son, John W. Thomas, of Philadelphia.

COL. J. R. MULDRON DEAD.

Aged and Prominent Citizen of Sumter County.

Sumter Special to Charleston News and Courier, Dec. 17.—News has been received of the death, Monday night, at his home in Salem, this county, of Col. James Reid Muldrow, a well known and highly respected citizen of that section. He had been in bad health for over a year, and his death was not unexpected, although

it came quite suddenly. He had been in Sumter for several weeks undergoing treatment, but returned to his home some days ago. Monday it was stated that he was feeling better and at night he went to bed apparently in his usual health. Next morning it was found that he had died in the night.

Mr. Muldrow was 73 years of age and was a native of Salem, where he had spent all of his life. He was twice married, first to a Miss Cooper, of Mayesville, and later to Miss Witherspoon, of Salom. By his first wife he is survived by one daughter, Miss Sadie Muldrow. All others of his immediate family, however, have passed away, although he leaves a large family connection. In his death the county loses a good citizen, and his death is a big loss to his many friends. The funeral services were held at Brick church today.

PRESIDENT'S FIRST CABINET DINNER

First Under Present Administration Includes Few Guests Outside the Circle.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The first cabinet dinner under the present administration tonight was given by the President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House. Besides the members of the cabinet and their wives or daughters, the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, Secretary Tumulty and some close friends of the Wilson family were invited. Covers were prepared for 50.

Outside the cabinet circle the guests included Mayor-elect John Purroy Mitchell of New York and Mrs. Mitchell, Chairman W. F. McCombs of the Democratic national committee and Mrs. McCombs, President Harry A. Garfield of Williams College and Mrs. Garfield, Prof. Henry B. Fine of Princeton and Mrs. Fine, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer of New York, Henry B. Thompson of Wilmington, Del., Thomas D. and David B. Jones of Chicago, all three trustees of Princeton University when Mr. Wilson was president there, and their wives and Miss Jones; Robert Bridges of New York, a classmate of the President at Princeton; Mrs. William R. Hall of Washington, Col. W. W. Harts, military aide to the President, Dr. Grayson, U. S. A., and Miss Strong of Princeton.

EVEN TO KOBE, JAPAN.

Newburger Cotton Company Buys Big Lot of Cotton in Lancaster.

This from The Charlotte Observer of Wednesday is an item of interest concerning a big consignment of cotton shipped from Lancaster by Mr. C. D. Jones:

"The Newburger Cotton Company received yesterday one lot of 600 bales of cotton purchased several days ago from Mr. C. D. Jones in Lancaster, S. C., for which an average of 13 1/2 cents was paid. This cotton was brought in here for shipment and stored for the time being with the Merchants and Farmers' Warehouse Company. Some of it is to go to Liverpool, some to the Eastern mills, while a portion of it is destined for Kobe, Japan. This cotton is of good grade and commanded a good price, as evidenced by the sum paid by this concern for it.

"Already this season the Newburger Cotton Company has brought into Charlotte from neighboring points 10,000 bales of cotton for shipment and more is coming in every day. This concern has headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., with Charlotte an important branch. The bringing of this cotton into the city for shipment requires the outlay of large sums of money which is provided by the local banks. Thus the Union National Bank financed the deal where this 600 bale lot was brought here yesterday."

SANTA CLAUS TO BE HERE.

Parents Bring Your Children to Town Next Wednesday to See Him.

We want every man, woman and child in Lancaster county to be in Lancaster on the 24th to see Santa. He will arrive in a handsomely decorated car with some of his friends from the North at 11 o'clock and will stop at the 10c Store during the day for the benefit of the children. We have gone to the expense of having old Santa stop with us this Christmas and he will pass through Main street at 11 o'clock. So be here to see him. He will have many nice things to show you and it will be a treat to the little ones to see him. FIVE AND TEN CENT STORE MAN.

Death of Mr. John S. Hinson.

News was received here this morning of the death of Mr. John S. Hinson, which occurred last night in the Camden Hospital. Mr. Hinson had been in bad health for some time and had recently undergone a serious operation from the effects of which he did not recover.

Mr. Hinson was formerly of the Flat Creek section of this county but had been living in Kershaw county for a number of years. He was about 70 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

To Confer on Home Rule.

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily Chronicle announces that Premier Asquith this week will meet Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader, for an informal conversation on home rule.

NEWS FROM CHIHUAHUA RELIEF TO DEPARTMENT

News Received of Safety of Americans and Foreigners.

GEN. VILLA HEARD FROM.

Denies That Any Foreigners Were Molested Except Spaniards, Who Were Expelled.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Reassurance as to the safety of Americans in Chihuahua conveyed today by Consul Letcher immediately on the reopening of telegraphic communication between that city and El Paso, came as a relief to the administration here. Washington officials had believed that the stories emanating from refugees and federal partisans to the effect that Americans and other foreigners in Chihuahua were being subjected to gross mistreatment were without foundation, but in the absence of official information it had been impossible to convey definite assurance to the many anxious inquirers alarmed for the safety of relatives and friends.

So far Consul Letcher has forwarded to the state department no reply from General Villa to its representations regarding the treatment of the Spanish residents of Chihuahua, but it is assumed that the consul has found it difficult to communicate quickly with the rebel general owing to his military activity. Little doubt is felt that General Villa will heed the admonitions of the department officials deprecating the demonstrations in favor of Huerta which are said to have been made by the Spanish element on the American side of the border.

Americans and the whole foreign colony at Tampico are now enjoying a period of quiet after the exciting events of the past week, but their peace of mind is marred by the news that 4,000 Constitutionalists are encamped within 20 miles of the town and may renew the attack as soon as they can replenish their store of ammunition. There is likely to be little change in the disposition of the vessels of the American fleet near Tampico for the present.

Villa Heard From.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 17.—Gen Francisco Villa in a long report received here today by General Carranza, denied that any foreigners were molested in Chihuahua City with the exception of the Spaniards, who were expelled. Villa suggested that Chihuahua City be made the national provisional capital.

"The foreign consuls asked for guarantees for their countrymen and these were given in full for all except Spanish," General Villa said in his report.

"These, as you know, almost entirely have taken an undue part in the internal struggle of our country, and have put themselves always against the cause of the people of whom we are the defenders."

General Villa told of the institution of a civil government at Chihuahua City and of the enlistment of 200 federal soldiers who were sent to Juarez on their own recognition. In requesting Carranza to move his military headquarters to Chihuahua, Villa argued that the state was in the hands of insurgent forces and that its central location would make the move most advantageous.

It was said here that General Carranza had made no decision in the matter, but was considering it.

Mr. S. C. Gardner Celebrates His 74th Birthday.

Special to The News.

Health Springs, Dec. 18.—The celebration of the 74th birthday of Mr. S. C. Gardner took place at his home and was greatly enjoyed by his children, grand children, great grand children and other friends and relatives. Among the number were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner and Mrs. Mattie Vincent of the Flat Creek section. Mr. Gardner received many valuable presents from his friends and relatives.

It is a great pleasure for all the children to meet there and enjoy the day as we did. We wish Mr. Gardner many more such birthdays. GRAND SON.

Accommodations at White House Better.

Washington, Dec. 17.—To prevent a recurrence of one of the most embarrassing incidents that ever befell the wife of a President of the United States—that which occurred during the Taft administration, when Mrs. Taft invited Col. and Mrs. Goethals to the White House as Christmas guests and had to rescind the invitations and send them to a hotel because of insufficient accommodations—five additional guest rooms have been added to the executive mansion. Heretofore the limited number of bedrooms has restricted the number of guests to two or three. This winter, Mrs. Wilson will be enabled to invite her friends to visit her without fear of embarrassment.

AERONAUTS ROUT ARMY WITH BOMBS

Moors Flee Before Spaniards at Muley Abselam.

AIR CRAFT PREPARES WAY.

Experts in Signal Corps of United States Army Interested in Experiment.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—A large force of Moorish tribesmen was routed with heavy loss today by the Spanish troops at Muley Abselam, Spanish Morocco. Spanish military aviators threw the Moors into disorder with showers of bombs.

The Spaniards attacked the Moors with a brigade of sharpshooters, a battalion of infantry, four batteries of artillery and a large body of native auxiliaries.

When the order for the general advance of the Spanish guard discovered several thousand Moorish mountaineers concealed in the irregularities of the ground.

A flotilla of military aviators was sent up to reconnoitre. By means of flag signals the aviators guided the column of Spanish troops. A heavy artillery fire was opened by the Spaniards without effect. The aviators then ascended to an altitude out of range of rifle fire and flew directly over the place where the Moors were in the greatest numbers. Then came what the dispatch to the Spanish war office describes as a "veritable rain of bombs, tossed by hand by the aviators, into the midst of the Moors."

After this bombardment the Spanish infantry charged with the bayonet and dislodged the Moors from their positions, causing them to flee in great disorder, leaving large numbers of dead and wounded on the field.

The Spanish troops also lost a considerable number of men, as the rifle fire of the tribesmen was very accurate.

SOWELL-KNIGHT.

County Auditor Married Last Night to Mrs. Mary O. Sowell.

Last night at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Mary O. Sowell was married to County Auditor Joseph W. Knight at her home on East Barr street. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. W. S. Patterson of the A. R. P. church and was witnessed by only a few of the near relatives and most intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Mrs. Sowell's many friends will be interested to learn of her marriage to Auditor Knight, who is one of Lancaster county's most popular and efficient officers.

COUNTY NEWS

PLEASANT PLAINS NEWS.

Interesting Facts About Life in That Community.

To the Editor of The News:

Please allow me space in your valuable columns for a bit of news from Pleasant Plains community. The farmers are about through picking cotton. They have nothing much to do. Some are hunting, some working at various trades, such as carpenter work, saw milling, etc. and some clerking for Road Walker, doing nothing. We are having some very pleasant weather. A light shower of rain fell during Wednesday night. We have a good string band which meets occasionally and furnishes us good music to while away the lonely night hours.

Christmas will soon be with us again with its fire crackers, candles and all the good things to bring happiness to old and young. We should bring happiness to as many homes and hearts on that day as we can, remembering on that day so many years passed, that the Savior of the world came to light to save our souls from sin.

We have a Junior Order in good shape with a large membership, also a Woodman Camp, a Young Men's Literary Society, which meets once a week, a good Sunday school, with large attendance every Sunday, when the weather permits, and last but not least, we have one among the best day schools in the country with three good teachers and we certainly appreciate the interest they take in training our children.

We have lately organized a Rural School Improvement Association with Mrs. P. E. Blackmon, president; Mrs. B. C. Harris, vice president; Miss Ada Horton, secretary and treasurer. We will have our second meeting the second Wednesday evening in January and would be glad for all the mothers and fathers of this school district to come and help carry on the good work.

The health of the community is very good except for the measles. Mr. J. R. Roberts and son spent the week-end with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Talbert.

Mr. Will Neal of near Pageland spent Monday night with his sister, Mrs. William Love.

Mrs. R. A. Love and little son

visited at the home of Mr. William Love Sunday.

Mrs. T. L. Horton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Snipes of Chesterfield.

Magistrate John L. Caskey and family of Lancaster visited relatives here the past week.

Mr. Austin Hinson of Rock Hill is at home for the holidays.

Suppose I better ring off and give some one else a little room. Will come again if this misses the waste basket. LIGITT.

LONGSVILLE NEWS.

The Movements of the People and General News in Brief.

Special to The News.

Longsville, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Mary Blackmon has moved to Lancaster to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Julius Blackmon.

Mrs. J. A. Ellis and family spent Wednesday in Lancaster doing their Christmas shopping.

P. E. Blackmon made a business trip to Lancaster Wednesday.

Mr. R. F. Long went to Kershaw Monday.

The Pleasant Plain school teachers, Misses Eva and Emma Jones and Miss Elfreida Poag spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Poag's parents at Lancaster.

Mr. James R. Ellis spent Wednesday in Lancaster.

Mr. B. M. Welsh and two of his little girls of Antioch spent Sunday with Mr. J. W. Welsh of Longsville.

Mrs. T. A. Dabney of White Bluff spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. T. D. Faulkenberry of the Longsville section.

Mrs. T. L. Horton of Longsville spent Saturday and Sunday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Snipes of the Catarrh section in Chesterfield county.

Mrs. Coleman Dabney of Lancaster spent Wednesday with Mrs. T. D. Faulkenberry at Longsville.

P. E. Blackmon and wife made a business trip to Lancaster Friday.

Mr. J. W. Welsh of Longsville spent a few days in Charleston last week on business.

At the last meeting of Pleasant Plain Camp, W. O. W., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. E. Blackmon, C. C.; R. F. Long, adv. lieu.; T. L. Horton, B.; A. R. Faulkenberry, C.; B. C. Harris, esq.; H. J. Harris, W.; T. D. Faulkenberry, O. C.; Trustees, C. Estridge and E. D. Outen.

A School Improvement Association was organized at Pleasant Plain Tuesday evening. Mrs. P. E. Blackmon was elected president, Mrs. B. C. Harris, vice president, and Miss Ola Horton, secretary and treasurer. Now, patrons, let each one do his best to make this portion of work that has been taken up by our good women a success.

UNCLE BILL.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Special to The News.

Pleasant Valley, Dec. 18.—Mr. S. J. Patterson of this place and Miss Carrie Guin of Pineville, tiring of a life of single blessedness, wended their way to Charlotte on Tuesday and were happily joined in wedlock. Mr. Patterson brought his bride home the next day and that night the young people serenaded them in ye old-time way. Their many friends wish them many years of wedded happiness.

The Pleasant Hill Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on the afternoon of Christmas day. Suitable exercises have been prepared for the occasion, and these will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

The Pleasant Valley school will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. Professor Marchant and Miss Fickling will spend the holidays at their respective homes in Edgefield and Blackville.

Mr. Frank Stephenson is teaching the Marvin school, just across the line in North Carolina.

Dr. A. L. Anderson of Florida spent a few days last week with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Z. Balles.

Ordinarily your correspondent would favor quadrennial elections instead of biennial, but in one respect this would prove a greater hardship on the people of Pleasant Valley. Our most used and most necessary road, the one from the Lancaster and Charlotte road to the Balles bridge, is worked only in election years. Our new road law was passed in 1907 and since that time this road has been worked but twice, in 1910 and 1912. This road is only ten or twelve feet wide in places and full of holes, yet is used more than any other road in Indian Land township. One of our county supervisors told one of our citizens a few years ago that the people in the Pan Handle were unfortunately situated. I presume he meant that way, we are looking forward with hope that 1914 will give us one more working for this road. S. E. B.

Cotton Seed and Oil Report.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Statistics of the cotton seed products industry for the present cotton season, announced by the census bureau today, show 289,118 running bales of lintseed had been obtained and 2,201,276 tons of cotton seed had been crushed from the crop of 1913 prior to December 1. The number of cotton seed oil mills and other delinting establishments active during the period prior to December was 856.

CHAMP CLARK RAPS CALAMITY HOWLERS

Answer to Mann's Gloomy Picture of County Under Tariff.

THREAT OF CONTROL.

Democratic Speaker Ridicules Speech of Senator Root—Conspiracy Against Progress.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Speaker Clark left his chair in the house today to challenge the patriotism of "calamity howling" Republicans. Minority Leader Mann had made a speech picturing the country in the throes of business and industrial depression as a result of Democratic tariff legislation. As the "greatest calamity howlers in America," the speaker presented Senator Root, former Speaker Cannon, Chairman Hill of the Republican national committee, former Governor Hadley of Missouri and Representative Mann. Vigorously defending the new tariff law, Mr. Clark declared that if there had been any hold-up in business it was simply because prudence was being exercised. He said the wish was father of the thought with the Republican leaders and suggested that it was strange no one else had seen signs of falling prices.

UNPARDONABLE PERFORMANCE.

"These men," continued Speaker Clark, "propose to get it into the newspapers day after day, that the country is going to the dogs and business is going to the deuce and people that never thought of a panic will begin to study about it. To all thinking men this will be considered a monstrous and unpardonable performance."

Representative Mann had painted a gloomy picture of the country under the Democratic tariff and the threat of political control of banking and currency. "Throughout the country today," he said, "wherever men are congregated there now is that quiet discussion going on, which when cold weather strikes the country, will end in a roar and a howl that will even penetrate the ears of the deaf statesmen on the Democratic side of the aisle. Men with wives and children, willing to work, who were at work three months ago, are now seeking the opportunity. The President could do much towards reviving confidence if he would. "The Democratic side of this house could do much, but they are pursuing the fatuous policies which they have talked about on the stump so many years."

MAKES SPIRITED REPLY.

Taking the floor as soon as the minority leader had finished, Speaker Clark launched into a spirited reply to the Republican predictions of disaster from the enactment of the currency measure. Ridiculing the assertions of Senator Root and others, he predicted that the bill would be passed by next Monday or Tuesday, "and after it becomes law the country will blossom like the rose."

"I don't believe," he shouted, "that I exceed bounds of propriety or of fact in saying that predictions of disaster look like a Republican conspiracy against progress of the republic. Mr. Mann, while howling calamity, disclaims that he is a calamity howler, but Mr. Root, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Hadley and Mr. Mann have been the greatest calamity howlers in this country this fall."

HONOR ROLL BUFORD SCHOOL.

Everybody Pulling Together For the Cause of Education.

First grade—Rona Parker, Odell Barr.

Second grade—E. B. Blackmon, Molly Usher.

Third grade—Miranda Taylor, Louise Duncan, Eula Mae Duncan, Luella Snipes, Lula Usher, Ella Taylor, Lulu Walters, Eugene Parker, Estelle Timmons, Ona Lee Thompson, Jettie Timmons and Hoyt Walters.

Fourth grade—Ettá Taylor, Earl Cateo, Ethel Nell, Collier Taylor.

Fifth grade—Ruth Thompson, Otis Taylor, Frank Taylor.

Sixth grade—Dallas Usher.

Eighth grade—Loyd Taylor, Myrtle Thompson, Kate Thompson.

Ninth grade—Ada Thompson, Leslie Taylor.

We are having the best school that has been at Buford for a long time. Both patrons and pupils are working for the good of the school. Those on the above honor roll have made from 90 to 100 on examinations, good dailies and splendid behavior. We have 55 enrolled, an average attendance of 45. We also have a debating society and a Rural School Improvement Association, which is at work, pulling the trees up on the school ground, getting ready to farm. Congratulations to the patrons and may we strive as one in trying to build up the cause of education and the uplift of the community. "PRECEPTOR."

To Build Chinese Railway.

Peking, Dec. 18.—A contract has been signed by a British firm for the construction of a railway from Shaai, in Hu-Peh province, to Sing Yifu, in Kweichow province, a distance of about 600 miles.