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WORK OF CONGRESS.

GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN A WEEK.

Senate Has Passed Resolutions Calling for Information on Japanese Question and Discharge of Negro Troops—House Passes Bill Permitting National Banks to Loan Money on Lands—Next Week Senate Will Discuss the Smoot Case.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress has already made a good beginning. In the senate resolutions have been adopted calling for information on the Japanese question and for the records in the case of the discharged negro troops. The house has defeated the bill abolishing compulsory pilotage on sailing vessels and passed the bill allowing national banks to make loans on farms. Negotiations have begun for compromise on the ship subsidy. Next week the senate discusses the Smoot case and the Algerias treaty and considers the nominations of cabinet members. The house will have a hearing on the currency bill.

FRATERNITY HOUSE BURNED. A Fatal Fire at Cornell University—Loss \$200,000.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Five men were killed, two fatally injured and several seriously, in a fire which destroyed the Chi Pai Fraternity House of Cornell University early this morning. Two of the dead are students, while the other three are volunteer firemen. Twenty-seven students were sleeping in the house when the fire started in the kitchen range. One was burned to death in his room and the other was so badly burned in escaping that he died later. Those who escaped jumped from the windows. A falling wall crushed the three firemen. Inadequate water service made it impossible to fight the flames. The entire building, which was valued at \$200,000, was destroyed.

WRECK IN MICHIGAN. Express Train Jumps the Track and Turns Over in a Ditch.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Four persons are reported dead and twenty-five injured in a wreck of an express train on the Michigan Central and Otter-Lake. The train left the tracks and overturned in a ditch. Communication with Otter-Lake is interrupted and few details are obtainable.

ROOSEVELT HONORED. Norwegian Parliament Confers the Noble Peace Prize Upon Him.

Christiana, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Norwegian Parliament has conferred the noble Peace Prize on President Roosevelt. This action was due largely to the President's successful efforts in ending the Russian-Japanese war.

WORTH THIRTY THOUSAND. Washington, Dec. 10.—The Nobel Peace Prize, which was conferred on President Roosevelt, carries a \$30,000 gift. Norwegian Minister Krugo today informed President Roosevelt officially of his selection.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

New York, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Lulu B. Glover, who attempted to commit suicide, after making a will bequeathing all her property and two cats to President Roosevelt, is recovering. She claims that President Roosevelt is her kinsman, but won't say what led her to attempt suicide. A note which was found beside the woman asked that President Roosevelt be notified and saying that he would take care of the body.

FISH FIGHTING TRUSTS.

LATE PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL STARTLES WALL STREET.

Stuyvesant Fish Delivers a Speech Denouncing Anarchistic Rich and Asserts That High Financial Circles Are Permeated With Dishonesty and Disregard of Law and Decency.

New York, Dec. 7.—Stuyvesant Fish, the recently deposed president of the Illinois Central Railroad, has thrown a bombshell into Wall street through a speech delivered last night attacking corporations and the "anarchistic rich."

It is reported in financial districts that Fish proposes to assist President Roosevelt in his future investigations of railroads and trusts. In his speech Mr. Fish declared dishonesty is the issue and Roosevelt is the one to control it.

"That there has been mal-administration, not to say stealing, in many of our corporations is a matter of common notoriety," he said. "Some men have gone to great lengths in ridding from the restraints of law, equity, ethics and even common decency, themselves and those with them in the higher circles of finance."

GROVER CLEVELAND ILL.

He is Suffering From Acute Indigestion and His Condition Causes Alarm.

Princeton, Dec. 8.—Grover Cleveland is ill with acute indigestion. Because of his advanced years his condition is causing some alarm. Dr. Carnochan, the attending physician, said that Mr. Cleveland had been sick a week and has shown no improvement, although carefully attended. He is suffering much pain, although his condition is not necessarily serious.

NEW BANKING BILL.

Provides for Lending Money on Real Estate as Security—Places Limit on Such Loans.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The house today, waiting on the report of appropriation bills, began its legislative grind by passing three measures incorporating the National German Alliance; authorizing the secretary of the treasury to duplicate gold certificates in lieu of ones lost or destroyed, and the bill amending the national banking laws, permitting national banking associations to make loans on real estate as security and limiting the amount of such loans.

The banking bill has been one of the West's favorite measures and the leaders in the house from that section lined up generally in favor of the legislation, which it was asserted would go far toward popularizing the national banks. The opponents of the bill, Democrats and Republicans, insisted that real estate was not a proper security for a loan, even though a limit was placed on the loan. The advocates of the measure were too strong, however, and the bill was passed two to one.

EXCLUDE NEGROES.

Bill in House Barring the Blacks From Army Service.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Slayden of Texas, today introduced a bill which provides that "on or before the 30th day of June, 1907, all enlisted men of the army who are negroes or of negro descent be discharged from the service of the United States and thereafter no negro or person of negro descent shall be enlisted or appointed in the army of the United States."

In explaining his bill Mr. Slayden said: "The bill speaks for itself. It was not introduced for buncombe. My purpose is to give the congress of the United States an opportunity to purge the army of an admittedly dangerous element. To say that the negroes are brave is not an argument against this measure. Many men have been brave, in fact most men are in the matter of fighting. The Comanche and Sioux Indians were as brave as men can be. But no one would seriously suggest that we ultimately recruit regiments from them, put guns in their hands and station them near companies of white troops, toward whom they entertain inherent race hostility. The Twenty-fifth infantry is manifestly imbued with the same race hostility and events have shown it to be quite as dangerous as the Sioux or Comanche would be."

CHURCH AND STATE.

THE RELIGIOUS ROW IS ON IN EARNEST IN FRANCE.

The Government and the Catholics Are Expected to Clash Over the Enforcement of Law Separating Church and State—Eviction of Priests Will Cause Trouble.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The law for the separation of church and state became effective today. As the Pope has forbidden Catholics to conform to the law allowing religious societies to be formed to take over church property it means that ownership passes to the state. The churches throughout France stand on the verge of eviction.

Serious times are anticipated if the government moves to evict the priests from churches, schools and monasteries and troops will probably be required to enforce the law.

The cabinet today voted to proceed immediately to liquidate the property in churches and rectories. This shows that the government is determined to uphold the law vigorously. The next few days it is feared will see a religious outbreak, with bloodshed, as the Catholics seem determined to resist the law.

MARK TWAIN, LOBBYIST.

The Famous Humorist Appears in Washington in New Role.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mark Twain, who is lobbying for the new copyright law, has made a demand on Speaker Cannon for the privilege of going on the floor of the house to buttonhole members.

In a characteristic letter he says he let congress alone seventy-one years ago and is entitled to its thanks. He said he had lots of arguments with him, also a barrel with liquid in it.

Speaker Cannon explained that he could not grant the floor privilege, but gave Twain his private room, where the humorist is lobbying members in support of his bill. Twain has also called at the White House.

NEW SEABOARD DEAL.

Rumored That the Southern Will Give Up Its Charleston Line to the Seaboard.

Charleston, Dec. 9.—It is rumored in railway circles here that the Southern railway and the Seaboard Air Line have come to an agreement by which the former will turn over its line to Charleston, formerly the old South Carolina railroad, enabling the Seaboard Air Line to enter Charleston, which has been planned for some time. The story seems improbable in a way, but it is being persistently circulated and there may be some foundation for it. The plans of the Seaboard Air Line as generally understood, were to build a direct line to Charleston from Lugoff, near Camden, but the acquisition of the Southern railway route would be preferable, it is said, to the construction of a new road. It is argued that the Southern railway has no direct interest in Charleston, its terminals being at other ports, which is the cause of much of Charleston's complaints of discrimination, and it is perhaps true, that with the settlement of the former antagonism which formerly prevailed between these two systems and the Atlantic Coast Line, and the adjustment of conflicting interests, the Southern railway may now be willing to part with its branch line to Charleston. Some time ago on a visit of the late President Spencer of the Southern railway to Charleston he spoke very assuringly of a proper realization of the geographical and natural advantages of the port of Charleston, and he might have had in mind the present project of the Seaboard Air Line taking over this branch line and making it a part of its system, and erecting new terminals at Charleston.

None of the railroad people in authority would have anything to say for publication about the story and, as stated, it is not known how much truth there is in the rumor.—The State.

HE IS SINFULLY RICH.

The Stupendous Income That John D. Rockefeller Receives This Year.

New York, Dec. 11.—John D. Rockefeller's income for this year will be sixty million dollars, according to the computations of Henry H. Rogers, and John D. Archibald, Rockefeller's closest friends. This means a daily income of \$164,333, or \$114 a minute.

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LEOPOLD DENIES CHARGES.

KING OF BELGIUM SAYS ATROCITIES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

The Charges Against Government of Congo Free State Are Made By Ignorant Persons Who Do Not Know the Real Facts.

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Brussels, Dec. 10.—The correspondent of the Publishers' Press was today received in private audience by King Leopold for an interview on Congo. King Leopold denies the charges of general atrocities practiced on the blacks in the Congo State. There have been cases of misjudgment on the part of officials, but these have been punished. Every effort is made to protect the natives, not only from the whites, but each other.

Leopold complained that he has been painted as a monster by persons who got their information second-handed. Individual cases of cruelty have been magnified into generalities.

The king asked the correspondent if he carried a revolver to protect himself from such a monster, and how he dared to risk his life thus. Leopold denied that he has ever made a cent out of the Congo State. On the contrary, he has spent millions in developing the region. The work will go on and his sole hope is to improve the country and better the conditions of the natives.

A Boston Meddler.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Dr. Herbert Johnson, representing the Congo Reform association, Pastor of Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston, is here trying to get Secretary Root to intervene with King Leopold to better the conditions of the Congo natives. He says untold atrocities are permitted. He charges that the natives are allowed to kill and feed on the victims. The promised reforms will result in nothing.

STIRRING UP TROUBLE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, has introduced a resolution in the senate calling for an international inquiry into the alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State.

KING LEOPOLD'S INTERVIEW.

London, Dec. 11.—The action of King Leopold of Belgium in giving an interview on Congo affairs to the Publishers' Press, has aroused great interest throughout Europe. The German papers take the stand that this is another indication of the "American peril." They say the monarch is discredited in Europe and is trying to rehabilitate himself in America. The United States newspapers are becoming the supreme court of the world's opinion, and Europe won't tolerate this. Throughout England, France and Italy there is the

fullest discussion of the interview. Opinion is about evenly divided as to the gravity of Leopold's offense.

INCENDIARIES ORGANIZED.

Astounding Information Comes From Newberry—Three Suspects in Jail Now.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—An astounding condition of affairs is revealed in a telephone message from Newberry. Three negroes, charged with having burned the barns and stables of Mr. P. N. Boozer near Kinard's last Friday night, indicate that there is an organization of negroes there who ordered this work to be done.

Louis Burton, colored, has confessed and it is upon his statement that the arrest of Ernest Burton and of Levi Ebaugh was made. There was a great deal of excitement at the time and the phone message stated that the sheriff, Mr. M. M. Buford, deserves great credit for his quick action, and that the people of the vicinity deserve congratulations upon their forbearance, considering the fact that they were very much worked up.

The fire destroyed 17 head of stock and 15 bales of cotton in addition to the building. The monetary loss therefore is considerable, but the feature of the case is the motive alleged by the negroes.

Immediately after the burning Sheriff Buford received a phone message calling him to the scene of the trouble, 15 miles from Newberry. When he arrived, Sheriff Buford found Louis Burton in the custody of a large body of men who were very much enraged. Some of these were strongly of the opinion that the negro should be dealt with in a summary manner.

However, the more prudent men prevailed upon the others to desist and the negro was delivered to the sheriff. Some of the cooler men were deputized by the sheriff to take charge of the prisoner while the officer went in search of Ernest Burton and the negro was caught. Sheriff Buford got this prisoner in advance of a searching party. The two Burtons were then lodged in jail by Sheriff Buford. Levi Ebaugh, who was charged with complicity, was arrested yesterday and is now in jail.

Louis Burton is said to have made a confession in which he implicated the two now in arrest and several others. It is alleged that Burton in his confession stated that he had no cause for malice against Mr. Boozer, but the crime was committed because he and several others had been appointed to do this work. He alleges that the burning was planned at a meeting of the organization held last Wednesday night. He asserted that he had no grievance, but that it had fallen to his lot to destroy the property.

Grace Glenn, a negro woman said to be 103 years old, died in a suburb of Columbia Saturday.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

President Roosevelt Will Establish Permanent Industrial Peace Commission.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mr. C. Hague, the minister from Norway, called at the White House today, and informed President Roosevelt that the Norwegian Parliament had conferred upon him the Nobel peace prize at Christiania.

Minister Peirce was directed by the president to read a message to the Storting from him, extending his thanks for himself and on behalf of the people of the United States.

The president says: "After much thought, I have concluded that the best and most fitting way to apply the amount of the prize is by using it as a foundation to establish at Washington, a permanent industrial peace commission. The object will be to strive for better and more equitable relations among my countrymen who are engaged, whether as capitalists or wage workers, in industrial or agricultural pursuits."

MORE MONEY FOR TEDDY.

New York, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Lulu B. Glover, who took poison Sunday, after willing all her property and two cats to President Roosevelt, died today. President Roosevelt will inherit \$10,000 from her.

STOMACH'S IMPORTANCE.

How to Strengthen it so That it Will Act as it Should.

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