

CURRENCY BILL MODIFIED

Chairman Aldrich Eliminates The Railroad Bond Clause.

CONGRESS SURPRISED

Writer Attack on the Measure by Senator La Follette—Charges that it is the Legislation Most Desired by a Small Clique which Dominates Finances of Country.

Washington, March 19.—Congress was electrified by the sudden elimination of the railroad bond feature from the Aldrich Currency bill, and later by a bitter attack on the measure by Senator La Follette, in which he charged that it was the legislation most desired by the comparatively small clique which has succeeded in dominating the finances of the country. The business of the Nation, he declared, has gradually been centralized until it is directed by the men who control the New York banks, and these men number less than one hundred.

Aldrich's renunciation of the clause of his measure admitting railroad bonds as a basis for the issuance of emergency currency occasioned astonishment. This renun-



SENATOR LA FOLLETTE.

ation was made in committee before the Senate met. Other minor concessions were made, but the railroad bond feature overshadowed everything else. At first it was believed that the action was taken to embarrass La Follette, whose address was understood to be leveled principally at this phase of the measure.

He declared that the trouble originated through the centralization of business in the hands of a few men. These men, he charged later, had plotted to bring about the recent panic to satisfy business, legislative and political grudges, and to advance their own selfish interests.

"I have here a list of about 100 men," he said, waving a paper at the Senate, "who control the industrial, financial, and commercial life of the American people. In the grasp of these 100 men is the destiny of the Republic. The country does not seem to realize how closely allied are the great banking houses of the money centre to this centralization."

Admiral Evans to Retire

Washington, March 19.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander in chief of the battle ship fleet, will relinquish command after completing the 13,772 mile cruise to San Francisco. Immediately after the review by Secretary Metcalf on May 3 he will turn the fleet over to Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, now commanding the second squadron, who will remain in command until July 6, when Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry will take the battleships on their 23,000 mile cruise by way of Australia, the Philippines and Suez.

Walker Fights Extradition.

San Diego, Cal., March 18.—William F. Walker, accused of embezzling over \$600,000 from the New Britain Trust Company, is being held in the Ensenada Cuartel, pending a decision from the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations, to whom the judgment of the Ensenada court in reference to the extradition proceedings has been appealed. Walker's attorney argued that one of the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Mexico had been violated in that the papers were not delivered in Ensenada within forty days after the arrest.

Priest Arms for His Foes.

Newark, March 18.—To be prepared to defend himself against members of the "Black Hand," who have been making threats of his life, the Rev. Father Zucarelli, pastor of St. Rocco's Italian Catholic Church, received from the police a permit to carry a revolver. The priest has been assisting the police in trying to ferret out the "Black Hand," which is causing a reign of terror in the "Hill" section of the city. For a long time he ignored threats conveyed to him in letters, but they have become so numerous that he was induced to arm himself for an emergency.

FIVE YEARS FOR WALSH.

United States District Court Denies Banker's Plea for New Trial.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—John R. Walsh, formerly president of the Chicago National Bank, and a few years ago looked upon as one of the most successful financiers, was denied a new trial on conviction of the illegal use of the funds of the bank, and sentenced to five years in the Federal Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

Following the sentence application was made to Judge Grosscup, of the United States Court of Appeals, for a supersedeas, which was granted, and Walsh was released on \$50,000 bail pending the hearing of his appeal. Attorneys for the defense entered a motion in arrest of judgment and argued a half hour, after which Judge Anderson promptly overruled the motion and passed sentence.

Air Cures Meningitis.

Newark, N. J., March 18.—Two cures of cerebro-spinal meningitis by the fresh-air treatment, are reported by the Newark City Hospital. One of the patients, George Schwartz, 7 years old, has been discharged, while the other, James Bromley, 6 years old, is still at the hospital, pending treatment for paralysis. The Schwartz boy was admitted to the hospital Jan. 9, while the Bromley boy went there six days before. In both cases the disease was in an advanced state.

In Deference to Japan.

Washington, March 18.—The House Sub-Committee on Fortifications has reported to the full committee the Fortification Appropriation bill with the estimates of the War Department cut down from \$38,442,945 to \$8,210,611 on account of the desire of the committee to avoid giving ground for the impression that America is preparing for war with Japan.

Fusion Between Hearst and Watson.

Washington, March 19.—A fusion of the old Populist and new Independent parties, the one headed by Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, and the other by William R. Hearst of New York, Democratic Congressmen from the West and South learn will be actually effected before many weeks elapse, and the fusion ticket probably will be Hearst and Watson.

Lincoln's Operator Killed.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Edward Fuller of Hancock, who it is said was private telegraph operator for President Lincoln during the civil war, was killed on the Erie tracks at Narrowsburg. Mr. Fuller was about seventy years old and was employed by the Erie as a telegraph repair man. He was riding his track velocipede when he was struck by a passenger train.

Panama Canal Praised.

London, March 17.—An English view of the Panama Canal and other American institutions is given in an interview by Sir John Rodger, Governor of the Gold Coast, who inspected the work in progress in connection with the Panama Canal. Sir John was greatly impressed with the excellence of the engineering and sanitation works on the isthmus.

Mint Resumes Moneymaking.

Philadelphia, March 16.—Employees of the United States Mint who had been laid off are again at work, and a full force of 550 persons is employed. Orders came from Washington for immediate coinage of \$10,000,000 more in twenty-dollar gold coins. There will also be more coinage of silver and copper.

Fire Smolders for a Year.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 17.—It has been discovered that the ruins of the Janeway and Carpenter wall paper factory, destroyed by fire on March 13, 1907, are still burning. A great mass of paper was buried in the debris when the building collapsed and at various times during the year flames have shot up from the site.

Made \$25,000 With \$75.

Hempstead, L. I., March 18.—George Howard, Superintendent and General Manager of the Rockaway Hunt Club grounds and property, has refused an offer of \$25,000 for seventy-five acres of meadowland on Jamaica Bay. He asks \$35,000 for the tract which cost him \$75 two years ago at a tax sale at Mineola.

Puts "In God We Trust" Back.

Washington, March 18.—Under suspension of the rules the House of Representatives has passed the bill providing for the restoration of the motto, "In God We Trust," on gold and silver coins by the United States. The bill was passed by a vote of 255 to 5.

Lone Robber Holds Up Train.

Butte, Mont., March 17.—The Great Northern Limited was held up near Bonners Ferry, Idaho, by a highwayman. Both mail clerks were bound while the mail car was rifled. No attempt was made to blow the safe.

Two Dead of Hydrophobia.

Baltimore, March 17.—Jacob Sagovitch aged nine, and Frank Bowles, aged ten, have died at the Eastern Institute of the City Hospital of hydrophobia. The two boys were bitten by a collie on Feb. 11.

FLEET AT MAGDALENA BAY

Ships are in Fine Condition and Ready for Anything.

AN IDEAL ANCHORAGE

Target Practice Has All Hands Kept to a High Degree of Excitement—Large Sums are Wagered—Rival Crews Back Their Knowledge of Their Own Skill.

Magdalena Bay, Lower California, March 19.—Trim and white as the day they left Hampton Roads for their 13,000 mile voyage through two oceans, the sixteen big war dogs of Rear Admiral Evans' battle ship fleet are lying off this town, the line extending far to the southward and the bulky Connecticut, the flagship, swinging idly at her anchor but a stone's throw from the little wooden wharf. The men are anxiously awaiting the call that will send them out to the target grounds for an assault on the records for gunnery. Thousands of dollars will change hands on the result of the firing, and the "man behind the gun" is keyed up to a high pitch of excitement.

News that the warships are going to return to the Atlantic seaboard by way of the Pacific and the Suez Canal has been made public on the ships, and though there had been a feeling during the whole cruise from Hampton Roads that such would be the case the official announcement was received with cheers. But before this the men look forward with the keenest anticipation to their stops at the California coast cities, closing with their big review at San Francisco and entertainment by the city of which they have heard great things.

The harbors of Rio Janeiro, Brazil and Sydney, Australia, pale before the great circular basin, seventeen miles long and twelve miles wide, where the ships now lie. "Bahia de Magdalena," as the Mexicans have it, covers an area of one hundred square miles, large enough to include Manhattan and Staten Islands and the mouths of the North and East Rivers. The anchorage of the fleet is called "Man of War Cove," while the target practice will be at Sail Rock, just inside Entrada Point.

Three baseball diamonds have been laid out for the men. The bathing, shooting and fishing are excellent, and the officers look forward to a pleasant time while the fleet stays here.

Farmers in Potato Trust.

Riverhead, L. I., March 17.—Active work now is under way for the organization of a potato trust among the farmers of Suffolk county.

For years the potato growers here have complained that they were not receiving true market prices for their potatoes. The growers held a meeting in the Court House here several days ago, at which speakers pointed out that the reason for the low prices received for the vegetables was the farmers were not kept informed of the best markets, and that the shipping of the crops to one or two places caused the market to become glutted. It was estimated that in this county 5,000,000 bushels of potatoes were raised annually.

The farmers have decided to open a central office at which the prices prevailing in the various markets will be received. All shipments will be made through the association, and the crops will be shipped from one consignee to one consignee, thus enabling the farmer to obtain the lowest freight rates.

Mystery of Japanese Fleet.

Washington, March 17.—The Japanese Embassy here is without advice from the Home Government regarding the reported sailing from Formosa of the First Japanese Naval Squadron on secret service. While Baron Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador disclaimed any knowledge concerning the reported naval movement, he said it had no bearing on the Tatsu Maru incident.

The Ambassador called attention to the published accounts of the planned manoeuvres of the Japanese First Naval Squadron, which appeared two months ago. He indicated that no political significance attached to the movement of the ships.

Battle Ships to Circle Globe.

Washington, March 16.—President Roosevelt has decided on a homeward bound cruise of the battleship fleet that in its extent and magnificence staggers the imagination. Eighteen ships will leave San Francisco on July 6 for a voyage which will include Hawaii, Samoa, various ports in Australia and the Philippine Islands, after which they will by easy stages reach the Red Sea, pass through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, and after making a stop at Gibraltar arrive home just about a year from the time they steamed from Hampton Roads, December 16, 1907.

Ten Years for Stoessel.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The Emperor has confirmed the sentence passed upon Lieut. Gen. Stoessel and accepted the court's recommendation for commutation of the death sentence to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress. The former commander of Port Arthur ineffectually petitioned for a full pardon.

AMENDS RACING BILL.

Senate Committee Would Make Anti-Gambling Bill Effective Sept. 1.

Albany, March 19.—The Senate Codes Committee by a vote of 4 to 2, decided to amend the Agnew-Hart bill, which makes pool selling at race tracks as elsewhere a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, so as to render it operative September 1. Instead of immediately after the bill has passed.

This would permit race track gambling to be carried on along the old lines practically during the entire racing season now approaching. The Governor will not accept the proposed amendment. Both friends and opponents of the measure believe that the Legislature will be called to meet in extraordinary session to take up the proposed reforms, unless laws meeting the Governor's recommendations are passed at the regular session.

Actor Hitchcock Set Free.

New York, March 18.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, who was accused by several young girls, came to an abrupt end when Assistant District Attorney Garvan asked Justice Blanchard in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, to dismiss the indictment against the actor, and direct a verdict of not guilty. In accordance with Justice Blanchard's instructions the jury found that verdict, and Hitchcock left court with his lawyers.

The sudden and somewhat sensational end of the actor's trial came after Flora Whiston, one of the accusing girls and the prosecutor's chief witness, recanted the story she had told the Grand Jury and testified that Hitchcock had not harmed her. After the actor's discharge the girl was arrested on a charge of perjury, and Justice Blanchard commended the whole case to the careful attention of the District Attorney.

Eloping Rector, Now Painter.

San Francisco, March 17.—Jere Knode Cooke, the unfrocked pastor of St. George's Church at Hempstead, L. I., and Floretta Whaley, the girl with whom he eloped, are with their child in new quarters in San Francisco. Hurdled packing their few belongings when their last retreat was discovered, they have found a few rooms in a secluded district. There, under the name of "Balcorn," they are eking out a meagre existence. It was for her child's sake that Floretta a few days ago telegraphed her grandmother at Hempstead for money. But the plea was unheeded. In the meantime Cooke is working at his trade of painter and decorator.

Wage War Upon Stock Gambling.

Washington, March 16.—President Roosevelt is preparing to wage relentless war upon stock gambling and all forms of trading upon margins or dealing in futures. He began laying in a supply of ammunition for this purpose to-day by instructing Herbert Knox Smith, chief of the Bureau of Corporations, to conduct an exhaustive and comprehensive investigation and ascertain to what extent this form of gambling may be controlled by the Federal Government.

For a Saturday Sabbath.

Albany, March 16.—Nearly 300 Hebrews representing that race in various parts of the State, attended the hearing before the Assembly Codes Committee on the Strauss bill, designed to permit those who observe the Sabbath on Saturdays to conduct their business on Sunday, as long as they do not interfere with the religious observances of other faiths. A delegation of labor representatives was among those who opposed the bill. No action was taken.

Not Human Bones.

Middletown, N. Y., March 18.—The general belief that Daniel Kehler, a wealthy farmer of Montgomery, was murdered and that his body was burned to ashes in the destruction of his home, was changed after Coroner H. T. Christ and Dr. D. B. Hardenbergh made an examination of the bones Dr. Hardenbergh is positive the bones are not human but those of an animal.

Alto Tries to Escape.

Denver, Col., March 17.—Giuseppe Alto, the condemned murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, slashed the neck of a trusty who was cleaning his cell and tried to escape. The trusty sprang after him and he was quickly overpowered with the help of Deputy Warden Carpen. The trusty has a wound two and a half inches long on his neck, but will recover.

Roosevelts to Visit London.

London, March 17.—A persistent rumor that President and Mrs. Roosevelt will visit England next year is current in American circles here. It is said that he will stay six months in London with his family and will study the organization of the navy and the management of the dock yards.

Packers' Fines Affirmed.

Washington, March 18.—The fines of \$15,000 each against the Armour Packing Company, Swift & Co., Morris & Co., and the Cudahy Packing Company, all operating in Kansas City, Kan., for receiving rebates contrary to the provisions of the Elkins act, have been affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Covering Minor Happenings from all Over the Globe.

HOME AND FOREIGN

Summarized and Condensed for the Busy Reader—A Complete Record of European Despatches and Important Events from Everywhere Rolled Down for Hasty Perusal.

One thousand dollars in bills formed part of a squirrel's comfortable nest which Edward A. Preveaux found in a tree he cut down on his farm in West Thompson, Conn.

Senator William Pinkney Whyte, of Maryland, the oldest man in Congress, died in his eighty-fourth year.

The will of James Oliver, wealthy plow manufacturer, offered for probate, disposed of an estate of \$60,000,000.

The Rev. Charles F. Aked said there was need for a Bible in modern language instead of that of three centuries ago.

A jury at White Plains, N. Y., awarded a verdict of \$13,500 to Miss Maud L. Case, against the New York Central Railroad for injuries received in the wreck of the Brewster express near Williamsbridge, Feb. 16, 1907.

Grover Cleveland, his wife and a nurse arrived at Lakewood, N. J., and on Wednesday, the one time President will celebrate the seventy-first anniversary of his birth.

After thirty years of blindness, Miss Alice Hollis of Port Huron, Mich., has had her sight restored by an operation in Welsbaden, Germany.

Judge O. W. Buchanan, of Winnebago, S. C., was shot and seriously wounded while on a railroad train enroute to Augusta, Ga.

Senator Tillman declared his republican colleagues were cowardly and servile in submitting to orders from the White House.

Slot stamp machines have been installed on trial in the General Post Office at New York City.

Senators who are in charge of the bill to increase the compensation paid to steamship for the transportation of mail and to aid in the building up of the merchant marine are confident that it will pass the Senate by a large vote.

Led by two bloodhounds, residents of Rumson, N. J., riding in automobiles, pursued an alleged incendiary to Seabright.

Friends of Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, are considering the opening of headquarters in Washington, Chicago and New York, to push his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Lieutenant Gherardi, sent in charge of a naval expedition in search of Frederick Jeffs an American sailor marooned on one of the Galapagos Islands, reported that a signal pole and a rusty razor were the only traces discovered of the missing man.

President Roosevelt sent a message to the Senate recommending a law to permit negro soldiers discharged as a result of the Brownsville raid to re-enlist on proof of innocence.

Mrs. Sarah C. Weed shot and killed Miss Elizabeth Hardee, her chum and partner, in a fashionable girls' school, at Boston, Mass., and then committed suicide.

Preparations for the annual convention of the mine workers of America, at Indianapolis, were made and a strike of 350,000 men is threatened.

Commander A. L. Key told the Senate Naval Committee the obsolete type of gun hoists still in use have cost fifteen lives needlessly.

While dreaming of burglars, a Government clerk in Washington, shot and killed his wife.

FOREIGN.

Sir John Rodger, Governor of the Gold Coast, who has just returned to England after a three months' tour in the United States, says he was greatly impressed with the system of industrial education for negroes and Indians in America.

A despatch from Berlin says the Emperor sent warm personal congratulations to President Roosevelt on the arrival of the fleet at Magdalena Bay ahead of schedule time.

The St. Petersburg Globe says that the return of the American fleet as announced is as sensational as its departure for the Pacific.

The spectators at the cycle races at the Galerie des Machine in Paris, enraged over the decision of the umpires, wrecked and set fire to the grand stands.

A police crusade has been started in Hong Kong, China, to clear out disorderly houses kept by Americans.

Australians heartily cheered Premier Deakin's announcement that the American battle ship fleet will visit Sydney and Melbourne.

Japan is considering a proposition to lease her railways to a foreign syndicate.

Prince Kuni, special envoy of the Emperor of Japan, has arrived in Madrid, to confer on Queen Victoria a decoration granted by the Mikado.

SUSPECTS IN HAYTI SHOT.

The Situation is Grave and May Lead to Many Complications.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Mar. 19.—A reign of terror has suddenly been inaugurated here. Horace Pignatelli, Pierre Louis Coleco and Masilien Coleco, brothers, the first an artist, the second a pharmacist and the third an author of high standing; Felix Salnave, a well known resident of Port-au-Prince; General Alphonse Casimir Merove and M. Merove's son; Dr. La Mothe, Paul St. Fort and two others not so well known, MM. Roche and Benjamin, were taken out of their homes and summarily shot near the cemetery.

The greatest excitement prevailed here. Foreigners are terrorized and are waiting for a war ship. Many refugees are in the German and French legations. The streets were almost deserted, only officials and officers daring to go out.

The French cruiser D'Estrees has been hurriedly ordered to Genave, where it is feared that an attack of the consulate and a seizure of the refugees is imminent, from Santiago de Cuba and the British cruiser indefatigable has been ordered to steam for this port.

A German warship has been hurriedly demanded by the German minister. The situation becomes graver every moment. The wildest rumors are in circulation and the presence of an American warship here is regarded as indispensable.

The men were dragged out of their beds and had no time to dress. Besides those already mentioned, A. Gallette was shot and his wife was taken to jail in irons.

FOUND GUILTY OF GRAFT.

Maximum Punishment Is Two Years Imprisonment and \$1,000 Fine.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 19.—The jury in the first of the Capitol conspiracy cases to be tried gave a verdict of guilty after six hours deliberation as to every one of the four men who have been on trial here for the last seven weeks.

The men found guilty are John Sanderson, contractor; William P. Snyder, ex-Attorney General; W. L. Mathues, ex-State Treasurer, and James M. Shumaker, ex-Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds. Motions for new trials were made in each case.

The maximum penalties for each defendant in this case are two years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine. The four men were convicted of defrauding the State.

May Stop Anarchist Paper.

Paterson, N. J., March 17.—As a result of a recent article in La Question Sociale, the Anarchist paper published in this city, steps may be taken to suppress the publication, although at the present time Prosecutor Emley, who has been investigating the article, can find no law that will warrant the authorities in taking the initiative to wipe out the sheet, which circulates through every State in the Union.

The article in question appeared before the murder of Father Leo in Denver three weeks ago and said that every believer in anarchy should arm himself, and suggest breaking into armories and seizing the rifles and ammunition.

China and Japan Agree.

Tokio, March 17.—A satisfactory settlement of the Tatsu Maru affair has been announced. China has conceded all the Japanese demands. She will purchase the arms and ammunition on board the Tatsu Maru and will hoist the Japanese flag over the vessel. While the flag is hoisting a Chinese war vessel will fire a salute. There is a general feeling of relief in consequence of the settlement of the incident.

No Special Message.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—The report that the President is about to send a special message to Congress urging upon its attention certain matters of necessary legislation recommended by the Civic Federation meets with a positive denial at the White House.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

WHEAT—No. 2, Red, 98 1/2 @ \$1.00 3/4.	No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.13 3/4.
CORN—No. 2, 66 @ 73c.	OATS—Mixed, white 57c.
MILK—3 1/2 c per quart.	BUTTER—Western firsts, 26 1/2 @ 27 1/2 c. State Dairy 24c.
CHEESE—State, full cream, 15 1/2 @ 15 3/4 c.	EGGS—State and nearby, fancy, 24 @ 26c.; do., good to choice 24 @ 25c.; western firsts 21 1/2 c.
BEEVES—City dressed, 7 @ 9c.	CALVES—City dressed, 8 1/2 @ 10 1/2 c. per lb.; country dressed 8 @ 12 1/2 c. per lb.
SHEEP—Per 100 lb., \$4.00 @ \$5.00.	HOGS—Live per 100 lbs. \$4.90.
HAY—Prime per 100 lbs., \$1.05.	STRAW—Long rye, 65 @ 70c.
LIVE POULTRY—Chickens per lb., 12 @ 14c.; Turkeys, per lb., 15c.; Ducks per lb., 15c.; Fowls per lb., 14c.	DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys per lb., 12 @ 18c.; Fowls per lb., 10 @ 13 1/2 c.; Chickens, Phila., per lb., 25 @ 28c.
ONIONS—White, per bbl., \$5.00 @ \$6.00.	VEGETABLES—Potatoes, L. I., per bbl., \$2.50 @ \$2.75.