

CURRENCY BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

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A SCHEME TO RELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT

The Purposes of the Bill Are to Transfer from the Government to the Banks the Responsibility of Protecting the Necessary Gold Reserve—The Measure Provides for International Banking and a Division of Banking Currency Under a Board of Control—The United States to Be Divided Into Clearing House Districts.

Washington, March 9.—Chairman Fowler, of the house committee on banking and currency tomorrow will introduce an important financial measure framed by the Republican members of the committee after conference extending through the last two months. It brings together into one financial measure a number of propositions which have been urged separately heretofore.

Mr. Fowler explains the purposes of the bill as follows:

To transfer from the government to the banks the responsibility of protecting the necessary gold reserve and the burden of furnishing gold for exports, thereby saving our commerce from the destructive apprehensions growing out of the demand for gold in the treasury, which can now only be replenished by a tax imposed upon the people through the sale of bonds and to provide a currency always responsive and adequate to the demands of trade everywhere and to equalize and lower the average rate of interest in all parts of the United States; to secure for American enterprise and American capital the privileges and opportunities of engaging in international banking under national law, and so lay a foundation upon which to build an American reserve fund, to remove the last vestige of doubt with regard to the currency, which is the measure provided for international banking, and a division of banking and currency is established under a board of control, instead of a single individual in the person of the controller of the currency as heretofore. The board will consist of three members, whose terms of office are for twelve years, and arranged that only one member will retire every four years.

NATIONAL BANKS ASSUME OBLIGATIONS.

If the measure now introduced should become a law, it is confidently believed that the national banks will assume the current redemption in gold coin of one hundred and thirty millions of United States notes. In consideration of the obligations assumed by the national banks, they will have the right during the succeeding five years to issue gradually as business may require an amount of bank notes equal to the amount of gold coin they hold and unpaired capital; provision being made also for an emergency circulation. As the notes are taken out for circulation the banks will deposit with the government a sum of five per cent of the amount of the notes so issued. The national banks heretofore will be required to pay interest upon the government deposits at the rate of one per cent annum.

THE LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

Philadelphia, March 9.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say that the coal trade continued restricted in output and transportation to market during the past week. Renewed storms and floods interfered with mining and the movement of coal, so that the demand is as large as heretofore, and the supply of most sizes short. Various idiosyncrasies, however, are being gotten into order again and there will probably be a better supply for this week. The advent of spring, but more settled weather, will bring some relief, but it will take considerable time for the coal producing companies to cope with the demand and fill up the vacant storage yards. The present prices of coal it is now expected will continue until May and the usual spring discount must be put into effect until that time.

Will Give Work to 8,000.

Shenkin, Pa., March 9.—The local collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Union Coal Company, which were closed down last week by the flood, have resumed operations today, along with a number of mines operated by individual companies. Railroad sidings are again free of water and snow, and cars are being supplied to the collieries. The resumption of operations will give work to 8,000 men and boys who have been out of employment since the recent storms.

Mr. Wilson Will Not Resign.

Washington, March 9.—The attention of Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, was called today to reports that he contemplated soon resigning from President Roosevelt's cabinet. The secretary treated the subject very lightly, declaring that the report was news to him, and adding in reply to a specific inquiry that he had no intention of taking the step suggested.

Cecil Rhodes Improving.

Cape Town, March 9.—Cecil Rhodes, who is suffering from agna pectoris, passed a good night and was better today.

BERLIN PAPERS SATISFIED.

Highly Pleased with the Reception of Prince Henry.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, March 9.—Some of the daily papers have begun summing up Prince Henry's trip to the United States. Their tone is one of complete satisfaction. They declare the prince's trip was never intended to have any specific political aims, but merely purposed to bring about an improvement in the popular feeling in both countries.

The Boersen Zeitung admits that its most sanguine expectations have been exceeded by the occurrences of the prince's trip, and says the hearty welcome which he received in America was greater than could have been expected.

The National Zeitung says that Prince Henry and the Americans have learned to understand and appreciate each other, and that the result attained is out of the common.

It is a not-to-be-forgotten incident, says this paper, in the busy rush of modern life.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Attention of Senate and House Will Be Devoted to Ship Subsidy Bill and Rural Free Delivery.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—The attention of the senate will be divided again this week between the ship subsidy bill and the bill providing for the punishment of persons who assault or kill the president of the United States, the former holding the place of unfinished business, and the latter coming in for consideration when there is no one prepared to speak on the ship subsidy question. Among those who have announced their intention to speak on the ship subsidy bill is Senator Vest, but the condition of his health, which remains far from robust, may prevent his addressing the senate. Senator Mallory also will talk on this subject, but beyond these no set addresses have been announced. However, there undoubtedly will be a number of short speeches on the bill. No prepared speech on the presidential assault bill has been announced, but there is no doubt the lawyers of the senate will continue to find more or less to say on this subject whenever opportunity shall offer. At odd times, the calendar will be taken up. Altogether, the week in the senate promises to be an exciting one.

The house this week, after disposing of the bill to classify the rural free delivery carriers and place the carriers under the contract system, will devote its attention to appropriation bills. The postoffice appropriation bill, which will be taken up first, probably, will require three days. It will be followed by the river and harbor bill. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the rural free delivery bill will be defeated when the vote is taken tomorrow.

FIRE AT MISSION SCHOOL.

Buildings Used by Teachers at Japan Are Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lebanon, Pa., March 9.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Lemberger, treasurer of the board of trustees of the mission school at Zenidia, Japan, which is maintained by the church, has been totally destroyed by fire. The school took care of 75 girls, all of whom were saved. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, which is partially covered by insurance in a London company. The school was established about a year ago and enjoyed the favor of the Japanese government which at first was opposed to it. Miss Lena Zurluff, superintendent of the school, is now in this country, and in her absence Miss Sadie Lee Widener was in charge.

NO HOPE FOR MRS. MAYBRICK.

Not Included in Coronation Amnesty—Her Mother's Statement.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, March 9.—The Baroness de Rouques (mother of Mrs. Florence Maybrick) denies all the reports that her daughter will be included in the coronation amnesty. She said to a representative of The Associated Press: "I have not received information of any sort relating to Mrs. Maybrick's possible release. I have no anticipation of such release or knowledge of any intended coronation amnesty."

Three Jailbirds Escaped.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., March 9.—Mitchell Mizell, in jail on a charge of murder, and George Taylor and Isaac Woodley, wanted for small offenses, have escaped from the jail here. When the jailer went to feed the prisoners he discovered that the door was unlocked, took his pistol, locked him in a cell and departed.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 9.—Arrived: L'Aquila, Havre; Pruple Point—Passed: Haverford, Antwerp for New York; Horta-Fayal—Arrived: Etruria, New York for Liverpool.

State Base Ball League.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamsport, Pa., March 9.—William A. Williams, of Reading, president of the Pennsylvania State League of Base Ball clubs, has made arrangements to have this city represented in that organization this season. The league is now composed of clubs in Scranton, Williamsport, Hazleton, Reading, Lebanon, Lancaster, St. Cloud and Williamsport.

Illness of Mr. McLeod.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 9.—A. A. McLeod, former president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, who has been suffering from an attack of agna pectoris, was much improved tonight.

KLUMP MURDER MYSTERY.

Poisoner Is Apparently No Nearer Apprehension Than a Week Ago.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 9.—The mystery surrounding the sending through the mails of a poisoned headache powder to Mrs. Ada Klump, of Lowell, causing her death a week ago today, is seemingly no nearer a solution than on the day of the arrest of William Klump, her husband, last Thursday. The theory that some woman in the affections of Klump conspired the plot and carried it out, still holds with the officers who are conducting the investigation. Klump was arrested and restless in jail today and was not disposed to talk about his case. His brother visited him during the day and advised him to tell the truth, which William said he had done and would do. Sheriff Chapman stated he was working on a new case but could not tell the nature of it yet.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN CONSULS IN A DISPUTE

A Wrangle Over Two Acres of Land at Tien-Tsin Is Liable to Cause International Complications.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Tien-Tsin, March 9.—The mission property here, which is in dispute between the French and American consuls, is less than two acres in extent. It borders the American mission property and was previously occupied by undesirable Chinamen. The French consul stopped building operations on the disputed property and placed a policeman there. The French flag has not been raised over the property.

The American consul here, James W. Ragsdale, is maintaining a firm attitude, and does not believe serious developments to be likely. The affair is in the hands of the French and American ministers at Peking.

The English Methodist mission of London, the American board of commissioners for foreign missions and the American Methodist mission all have property within the extra legation claimed by the French in June, 1900. Since that time the American missions have been protesting the French claim to the property. The French now claim this latter property, and have been collecting rents and levying taxes thereon. Mr. Ragsdale protested against such actions, and caused American flags to be hoisted over the property in question.

ARMENIANS TO EMIGRATE.

Those in the Erzerum District Will Go to Russia En Masse.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, March 9.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says the unresolvable prosecution of the Kurds and the Turkish authorities has resulted in a determination on the part of the Armenians in the Erzerum district to emigrate en masse to Russia.

Gross outrages by Moslems on Christians are reported from two villages near Monastir.

The British, French, Russian and Italian embassies at Constantinople have presented a collective note to the porte protesting against the systematic hindrances which harass the Christians in their personal and commercial intercourse with Turkey.

The Novoe Vremya, in an article, quoted by the Vienna correspondent of the Times, referring to the unrest in Albania and the Russian ambassador's note to the porte, says that the Russian consul at Ipek (Albania) has written to the Russian government that it is time to put an end to the sanguinary horrors of which the Slav population in old Serbia are the victims. Slav blood cries to heaven and Russia, if Turkey, in the name of the wild beasts which she has let loose, Russia will be obliged to take the task on herself.

TESTIFIES AGAINST BROTHER.

Aged Criminal Tells of Plot to Rob National Stock Yards Bank.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Belleville, Ill., March 9.—There was a dramatic scene in the circuit court here today. Harry Meyers, one of the most notorious safe-blowers in the country, who is serving a twenty-year sentence in Chester penitentiary, was brought here to confront his brother Charles and testify against him. Sylvester Savignac and John Stevens, who are on trial charged with the National Stock Yards Bank robbery.

Harry Meyers, who is 63 years old, swore that the plan to rob the bank was laid by himself and John Stevens in Chester penitentiary before Stevens was released, and implicated a prominent man connected with the bank in the scheme.

Meyers confessed also that he had blown the safe of the Star Brewery at Belleville and implicated a St. Louis saloon keeper in that job. He professes to have repented of his crimes, but is believed to be actuated by motives of revenge.

Bradford Will Indorse Elkin.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Towanda, Pa., March 9.—The Bradford county Republican primaries, held yesterday, to select a candidate for congress in the Fourth congressional district, resulted in the nomination of J. H. Elkin, who received about 1,200 majority over W. J. Young, the anti-quay candidate. The county convention was held to elect delegates to the state convention with Andrew J. Elkin for governor.

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VANDERBILTS ENTERTAIN THE PRINCE

The Royal Visitor Meets a Number of Persons of Social Prominence.

HEARS CONCERT BY THE ARION SOCIETY

Favorite American Songs Are Rendered by the Prize-Winning Organization of Brooklyn—The Singers Highly Complimented—An Elaborate Luncheon Served at the University Club.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 9.—Prince Henry of Prussia was a central figure today in another round of entertainment arranged in his honor. He first listened to a concert at the Waldorf-Astoria largely made up of his favorite American songs, the concert being arranged at his request. When that was over he drove to the University club to a luncheon which was not concluded until mid-afternoon. At night he was the guest at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and met large party made up of persons of social prominence.

When the prince bade farewell to the company at the Vanderbilt home he went to the New York Yacht club for an informal reception, and the hour was late when he returned to the Waldorf-Astoria for the night. He found time between the four main events on his programme for the day to receive a delegation representing the commercial club of St. Paul and several callers, and to finally complete the arrangements for the last two days stay in the country.

He is expected to leave for home in the evening and will give a farewell dinner to those who accompanied him on his American tour.

At the concert given by the Armstrong association for Prince Henry, Booker T. Washington, the colored educator and leader, was presented to the prince. The two chatted for fifteen minutes during which time the prince asked many questions as to the negroes. He asked Mr. Washington for a book of negro melodies and the latter promised to send him one.

NEW YORK WAS NOT DRY

Drinks Could Be Procured Behind Doors and Accompanied by the Sandwich.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 9.—Despite the alleged promises of the saloon keepers that to day should be the very driest day on record, so far as New York was concerned, the man or woman who wished had little or no trouble in purchasing drinks. About the only noticeable difference in getting one was that the thirsty man was not allowed to stand at the bar and with an attendant he was forced to sit down to the "property" sandwich, left over from earlier days of Raines law reign.

But for all that the day might be termed a quiet Sunday. A quiet tip was given to the crowds that usually hang about the inside of the saloons that their presence was not desirable. In consequence the usual hangers-on kept out of the way.

Captain Sheehan was especially active in the Therois precinct and before the day was well along his men had arrested several barkeepers.

In the upper West Side portion of the city the orders for a dry Sunday were observed to a certain extent. On the lower east side of the city it is doubtful if one saloon in five hundred was closed. In many instances a man could walk into the side door without any trouble. Along Seventh avenue and on the Bowery bar rooms that have probably not been closed a single day for years, did no bar trade at all. In many instances the proprietors of these places had innumerable rigs rigged up in the back rooms and served drinks there.

There were few saloon keepers who would admit that there had been any understanding, let alone orders, regarding a dry Sunday.

The total number of excise arrests in Greater New York today was thirty-four.

A TERRIBLE MASSACRE.

Five Thousand Chinese Butchered by Russians.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, March 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Berlin says that the Russian general, Gribski, who was responsible for the massacre at Blagovestchensk, has been dismissed from the army.

According to reports of the Blagovestchensk massacre, about 5,000 Chinese were driven by the Russians into the Amur river. Russian troops on the banks clubbed or shot any who attempted to land, and the river bank was strewn with corpses for miles.

Gov. Odell Dines with President.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—Governor Odell, of New York, dined with President Roosevelt at the white house this evening, remaining after the dinner until a late hour. Tomorrow night he will again dine with the chief executive. According to the present plans of the governor he will remain here until Tuesday morning, although he may return to Albany late tomorrow night. His visit here is simply for recreation and his mission is not to discuss politics.

Miss Roosevelt Leaves for Havana.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, the daughter of the president, with several friends, left for Havana, Cuba, this morning for a visit to General and Mrs. Leonard Wood at Havana, going by rail to Florida. Mrs. Harriet Blaine Wood and Captain Philip were also of the party. Miss Roosevelt expects to return to Washington the latter part of the month.

Philadelphia Walking Match.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, March 10.—The race was started at 12:30 o'clock and among the seventy men who started were the following well known pedestrians: Pat Cavanaugh, Gilbert Barnes, George Tracy, Harry Shelton, Peter Hegelman, George Norman, John Gluck, Tom Howarth, Jim Dean, Sam Day, Roy Loring, Pat Powers, Frank Hart and Ed Cavanaugh.

STEAMER ETRURIA NOW AT AZORES

The Gunard Liner Towed Into the Harbor of Horta Yesterday.

WIRELESS SIGNALS WERE NOT ANSWERED

The Big Steamer Without Propeller or Rudder—Although the Etruria Had Just Finished Speaking by Wireless Telegraphy to the Umbria, as the Accident Occurred, the Signals Failed to Work When an Effort Was Made to Again Secure the Attention of the Umbria.

ALARMING CONDITIONS PREVAIL AT JEHOI

Bandit Soldiers Capture a Priest. 500 Troops Despatched to the Scene—Wires Are Cut.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Peking, March 9.—Chinese officials are greatly disturbed over the conditions at Jehoi (Cheng Te), about 100 miles northeast of Peking, where bandit soldiers have captured a priest.

An official of the foreign office declares that the Russians have already despatched 500 troops to Jehoi from the Manchurian border.

The trouble began over the settlement of claims of native Christians, and it resulted in rioting between the Christians and the non-Christians. Brigands took advantage of these conditions to plunder the country, and the Russian telegraphic connections were incidentally cut. The foreign office says that the captured priest is a Belgian.

It was reported March 7 from Peking that the Chinese court had ordered the immediate release of this priest in order to restore the telegraphic connections to the district of Jehoi, which is rich in gold mines.

AMERICAN LEGATION PRESENTS TO SULTAN COMMUNICATION REGARDING CAPTURE OF MISS STONE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Constantinople, March 9.—The American legation here today presented to the porte the second note referring to the capture of Miss Ellen M. Stone, and the prisoners delivered in Turkey, the brigands must be within the Turkish frontier and should therefore be captured.

The note denies that the authorities were ever required to lessen their vigilance on the frontier, and asserts that only the movements of the troops in the interior were interfered with.

The first note presented to the porte by the United States legation at Constantinople in the matter of Miss Stone's capture by brigands demanded the punishment of the guilty parties. The porte, in replying, repudiated responsibility.

WILL DEFRAY EXPENSES OF CONVENTION.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., March 9.—The Merchants' Protective association last night resolved to defray the expense of the United Mine Workers' convention which will be held at Shamokin, Pa., on March 15.—According to resolutions for three hundred delegates has already been passed. The committee on entertainments expects that in several days looking for some 500 additional miners' representatives will have been obtained.

THE DEATH ROLL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stroudsburg, Pa., March 9.—B. Frank Dungan, one of Stroudsburg's most popular citizens, died early yesterday from the effects of paralysis and hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Dungan was born in Philadelphia fifty-eight years ago, coming to Mead before the Civil war, in which the deceased very nobly served his country.

Washington, March 9.—Following an illness of several weeks' duration, Mrs. Sarah Jane Peffer, wife of ex-Senator W. A. Peffer, of Kansas, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. McMillan. Mrs. Peffer was 70 years old. Ex-Senator Peffer, with A. Peffer, Jr., and Mrs. McMillan were at the bedside when death occurred. She leaves five children. The body will be taken to Kansas for interment.

Philadelphia, March 9.—Commander Joseph P. Mickle, United States navy, retired, died today at his home near Hokenokus, Lehigh county, Pa. He was ill for two years. He was about 60 years of age. He entered the navy in 1861 as a third assistant engineer. During the Spanish-American war he was in command of the USS Albatross. He was promoted to the rank of commander in 1890, with the rank of captain in 1895.

Eric, Pa., March 9.—Dr. John Franklin Spalding, Episcopal bishop of the state of Oregon, died tonight of pneumonia at the home of his son, Dr. Frank Spalding, of this city. The latter is seriously ill with typhoid fever and his condition is very anxious. He was 65 years old. He stood the journey well, but has since caught a severe cold which developed into pneumonia on Friday.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 9.—Hon. Daniel Agnew, former chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his residence in Beaver, Pa. The venerable jurist had reached the remarkable age of 90 years. Daniel Agnew was born at Trenton, N. J., January 8, 1809. His parents removing to Pittsburg a year later. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Western university. He was identified with the Whig party and was prominently identified with the Republican party in later years. In 1863 he was elected supreme court justice on the ticket with Governor Curtin. In 1879 he retired from the bench, continuing, however, to take an active part in politics. In 1881 Judge Agnew married Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of General Robert Moore. He is survived by six sons and daughters.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 9.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Penna. +; sunny, fair north, increasing cloudiness +; Tuesday, fair north, winds shifting to +; Wednesday, fair north, winds shifting to +.