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Current Events Related in Paragraphs

Washington

The currency bill of this congress was introduced by Senator Hitchcock. It proposes 20 national reserve associations of banks, in the 20 leading clearing house centers of the country.

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The new Democratic tariff revision bill was presented to the house. Its striking features are: Removal of all tariff from many articles of food and clothing. Broad reductions in the rates of duty on all necessaries of life. Increase of tariff on many luxuries. New income tax that would reach the pocket of every American citizen whose net income exceeds $4,000.

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The navy pay corps is short ten officers, and an examination will be held in June at Washington for candidates for appointment as assistant paymasters.

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The Democratic tariff revision bill is completed, with the exception of a final decision upon the sugar tariff. From beginning to end it is a measure modeled in accord with the ideas of President Wilson, with wool, meats, and many other foodstuffs and clothing materials on the free list.

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Domestic

For the second time in less than six months a constitutional amendment permitting woman suffrage was defeated in Michigan. It alone, of five amendments to the state constitution, lost. The initiative, referendum and recall and the pensioning of firemen provisions were carried.

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Twenty-five million dollars for the relief of flood sufferers in Ohio was proposed in a resolution by Representative Ansberry of Ohio. The resolution would confer authority on the secretary of war to use that sum for the relief of sufferers, for replacing army stores used in the relief work and all expenses of the department in connection with the flood.

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The United States Supreme court handed down a decision declaring invalid the Wisconsin pure food law requiring the labels of packages to indicate the nature of the contents in so far as it applies to original packages imported into the state. The court ruled it interfered with interstate commerce.

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The immortal 500 of American suffrage entered the national capital under a flag of truce and filed petitions with congressmen for a suffrage amendment to the federal Constitution. There was no atempt at a repetition of the disgraceful scenes that marred the suffrage pageant on March 3, and the police kept perfect order.

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Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, was ordered out of a SanDiego, Cal., hotel after he had been accused by a telephone girl of undue familiarity.

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If the people of Kansas desire commission government for the state, Governor Hodges said he would call a special session of the legislature to submit an amendment providing for the new form at the next election. The governor said he would poll the legislature to determine the sentiment of the voters.

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Examinations will be held at all army posts July 14 next for civilian candidates for appointments as second lieutenants in the mobile army. There are only a few vacancies, and applicants have been instructed to address the adjutant general's office at Washington for papers and information.

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Harry M. Coudrey, former congressman, and Harry B. Gardner were found guilty in the federal district court at St. Louis of using the mails to defraud.

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Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department will deposit $5,000,000 in the national banks of Dayton, O., to relieve the money shortage resulting from the flood, excepting government, state, city or county funds as security.

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Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps; or, What Would Jesus Do?" which is still in active circulation all over the world, announced he is in favor of arming women on the police force of Topeka, Kan.

Henceforth it will be unlawful in New Jersey to wear hatpins unless their points are guarded. Governor Fielder signed a bill, which became effective immediately, making it an act of disorderly conduct, punishable by a fine of $5 to $50, for any person "to wear in a public place any device capable of lacerating the flesh of another person, unless the point is sufficiently guarded."

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New York has a baby show under the Babies' Welfare association, in which the judging will be down to the hard facts of height, weight, girth, bone and muscle texture, shape of head and ears, number of teeth, quality of skin and condition of tonsils, all of which items count from five to ten points toward the "perfect baby."

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Despite the wishes of President Wilson and Governor Fielder the New Jersey legislature in session here adjourned without having passed a bill calling for jury reform. The promise carried in the Democratic platform last for a measure providing for a constitutional convention was also disregarded.

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Six strike rioters were shot by the police in an attack on the plant of the Columbia Rope company in Auburn, N. Y., by a mob of 300 persons. Two of the six are fatally injured.

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Although grievously disappointed because the promised message from Theodore Roosevelt did not materialize the Progressive members of the new house of representatives held their maiden caucus and named Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas as their candidate for the speakership.

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Mother Mary Alphonsa Winthrop, a Dominican superioress, went to the White House to ask President Wilson to pardon her brother, Julian Hawthorne, under federal prison sentence for a year for frauds in connection with the sale of mining stock. She did not see the president, but Secretary Tumulty promised to put the case before him.

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Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed half of a business block in Oskaloosa, Ia. The loss was $100,000.

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Foreign

Militant suffragette incendiaries set fire to and destroyed a large mansion in the suburbs of Norwich, England. The house was not occupied. The perpetrators of the outrage escaped.

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King Victor Emmanuel received Admiral Peary, who is attending the international congress in Rome. The interview lasted half an hour and was most interesting, the king himself having penetrated the arctic regions by visiting Spitzbergen in a yacht several years ago.

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In a bitter fight with pirates on the West river, near Hongkong, Chinese soldiers shot one and captured six.

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Montenegro has declined to yield to the demand of the six great powers, Great Britain, France, Austria, Germany, Russia and Italy, to abandon attempts to gain possession of Scutari.

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Richard W. Gunther, formerly consul general at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and later consul general at Cape Town, South Africa, is dead in Oshkosh, Wis. His death was due indirectly to an operation performed while he was at Cape Town two years ago.

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To satisfy all factions in the Mexican melee, General Huerta has agreed to the naming of Pedro Lascurain as provisional president. Lascurain would serve out the uncompleted term of the late President Madero.

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Personal

Mis Josephine Wilson Cothran, the White House baby, grandniece of President Wilson, sailed from New York for Cherbourg. The infant was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. P. C. Cothran, and Mrs. Annie Wilson Howe, the president's sister. They will spend the summer in Europe.

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Frank B. Tracy, editor of the Boston Transcript, whose disappearance three months ago has been puzzling his Iowa relatives, is admitted hopelessly lost in an article printed in the Iowa Alumnus in Iowa City. All effort to find him has been abandoned.

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The second annual breakfast of the Women's Democratic club in Washington was given in honor of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Champ Clark. Partisanship was barred.

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The American Academy of Political and Social Science met in Philadelphia to investigate the high cost of living.

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Miss Ethel Roosevelt, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt, was married at Oyster Bay to Dr. Richard Derby of New York.

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Announcement that Jacob H. Schiff of New York had offered $50,000 to aid in completing a revised translation of the Bible by the Jewish Publication society of America was made at a banquet in Philadelphia which concluded the celebration of the society's twenty-fifth anniversary.

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Secretary of State Bryan made his debut as leader of a Bible class in Washington when he conducted a large meeting of men at the Calvary Baptist church and spoke on matters of the Disciples of Christ, his religion.

SCENE IN DAYTON AFTER THE FLOOD RECEDED

A scene at Third and Jefferson streets, Dayton, O., showing the crumbling walls of buildings and the street strewn with wreckage wrought by the flood. A detachment of soldiers with fixed bayonets on their rifles may be seen directly in front of the horses backed against the curb.

JAPS FILE PROTEST

OBJECT TO PROPOSED CALIFORNIA ALIEN LAND LAW.

Ambassador Chinda Calls at State Department and Holds Extended Conference With Bryan.

Washington, April 8.—Baron Chinda, Japanese ambassador, called on Secretary of State Bryan and during an extended conference presented a protest against the proposed California land laws.

After the conference the secretary of state admitted the objections of the Japanese were known to this government two weeks ago. Mr. Bryan said the negotiations were still in the conversational stage.

The protest from Japan in some quarters is construed to indicate that Japan believes there is to be a new policy by this government affecting foreign relations under which it will be possible to obtain concessions which were not obtainable under the policy of Colonel Roosevelt, later adopted by President Taft.

The only alternative to this belief indicated by Japan's protest is a desire to raise an issue with the United States. In this case no one can foreshadow the end.

President Roosevelt answered Japan when it was endeavored to have the federal government take California by the throat in the school question and sent sixteen battleships to the Pacific coast. For a long time the purpose of the famous cruise around the world was kept secret, but it was finally admitted that it was an object lesson to Japan, a lesson that taught the eastern nation that the "Japanese question on the coast" had ceased to be a matter of diplomacy.

The state department declines to state whether or not there has been any communication with Governor Johnson of California concerning the alien land law.

HUERTA QUITS AS PRESIDENT

Pedro Lascurain to Serve as Provisional Executive of Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Apri 5.—General Huerta agreed Thursday to the naming of Pedro Lascurain as provisional president to satisfy all factions in the Mexican melee, said advices received here directly from the national capital. Lascurain will serve out the uncompleted term of the late President Madero.

This arrangement, it is said, has been offered to the Constitutionalists, now fighting the Huerta government in northern Mexico.

The decision of the present provisional president is said to have been occasioned by the recent uprising of Zapata in the south, which places the Huerta forces between two fires.

Road Officials' Train Wrecked.

Hagerstown, Md., April 8.—A special train of the Western Maryland bearing President J. M. Fitzgerald and other officials of the road and a party of capitalists ran into a landslide near Hancock, Md., Sunday.

Senators Lack Pay; Radical.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 8.—The state senate working without pay since the special session legally expired several days ago adopted a resolution favoring advisory elections for United States judges Saturday.

Capture Chinese Pirates.

Hongkong, China, April 8.—After a bitter fight with a band of pirates on the West river, Chinese soldiers shot one and captured six pirates Sunday. The ringleader of the band fled. Over $100,000 was recovered.

EXTRA SESSION ON

BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON.

SPEAKER CLARK RE-ELECTED

Representatives Take Oath of Office But Usual Drawing for Seats is Omitted, Owing to the New Arrangement.

Washington, April 8.—The extraordinary session of the Sixty-third congress convened on Monday.

Popular interest centered in the house of representatives, where Representative Champ Clark, Democrat, was re-elected to the speakership shortly after the session opened. Representatives James R. Mann of Illinois, Republican, was placed in nomination for that office by the minority. He received a rousing demonstration, but was overwhelmingly defeated.

Other officers selected by the house were as follows: Clark, South Trimble of Kentucky; sergeant-at-arms, Robert E. Gordon of Ohio; doorkeeper, Joseph J. Sinnott of Virginia; postmaster, William M. Dunbar.

No election of officers was held in the senate.

The convening of congress today was auspicious in Democratic history. It marked the first time in nearly a score of years that Democrats have had complete control of the senate, the house of representatives and the presidency.

The presidential proclamation directed that both houses convene at noon and promptly at 12 o'clock the gavel of Vice-President Marshall fell in the senate. A new chaplain, Rev. F. J. Prettyman of Washington, delivered the invocation. The roll of senators was called in the usual way and committees appointed to notify the house and the president that the senate was ready to transact business.

After the roll call the election of speaker took place.

Then came the swearing in of members. As the clerk called each state and the names of members in the delegation of that state, the delegation presented itself at the bar of the house and swore to perform its duties well and faithfully.

Heretofore it had been customary to make the selection of seats the next business to be taken up by the house at this point. This time there was no drawing for seats, as it had been determined that members should have choice of seats on arrival each day. Only to Leaders Underwood and Mann and Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee was conceded the right to pick and hold a seat.

Representative Henry, who was chairman of the rules committee in the last congress, then presented a set of rules for the guidance of the house. They were practically the same as were in effect at the last session. The rules were adopted. Other routine busines of a formal character was then taken up.

23 Die in Congo Train Wreck.

Boma, Belgian Congo, April 8.—Twenty-three persons were killed, when an entire train with its locomotive, plunged through a railroad bridge over the Congo at a height of 150 feet from the water Sunday.

Wilson Protects the Birds.

Panama, April 8.—An executive order issued Saturday by President Wilson forbidding, under heavy penalty the destruction of birds of plumage in the canal zone, has been put into effect by the canal commission.

WOMEN AT CAPITOL

SUFFRAGISTS STORM CONGRESS WITH BIG PETITIONS.

Campaign of Revenge for Sentence Given Mrs. Pankhurst is Begun by London Amazons.

Washington, April 8.—The capitol was stormed Monday by suffragettes at the opening of congress. They presented petitions for the enactment of a constitutional amendment resolution authorizing equal suffrage rights for women.

Members of the house and senate presented the suffragettes with about 150 reserved seats in the galleries from which point they witnessed the opening ceremonies.

Among the congressional ladies who appeared in the demonstration parade up Capitol Hill were, Mrs. A. B. Pittser, sister-in-law of Speaker Clark; Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. William D. Stephens, Mrs. Evris A. Hays, Mrs. Julius Kahn, Mrs. Edward Keating, Mrs. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Seldon Ridge, Mrs. Genevieve Stone, Mrs. Clara B. Taylor, Mrs. Robert La Follette, Mrs. Albert Cummins, Mrs. Miles Poindexter and Miss Elsie Hill, daughter of former Representative E. B. Hill.

London, April 8.—The campaign of revenge for the long sentence imposed upon Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, which the suffragettes threatened, is proceeding actively and seemed likely to Spread Sunday.

Many outrages were committed. These include the complete destruction of the grand stand of the Ayr racetrack in Scotland, where the principal Scottish meetings are held, the damage being estimated at $15,000, and an attempt to burn the new grand stand of the Kelso racecourse, also in Scotland. Two women were caught red handed after they had ignited oil soaked rags, which they had placed beneath the Kelso stand.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, France, April 5.—The four automobile bandits confined in the prison De la Sante, under sentence of death by the guillotine, were searched by wardens Thursday who found hidden in their clothes, poison.

Minnewaukan, N. D., April 7.—Sibel Kahn of St. Paul, who was charged with the murder of Abdullah Hassan, a wrestler, also of St. Paul, was found not guilty here Friday. Kahn pleaded self-defense.

Chicago, April 5.—Miss Virginia Brooks, whose salvation of West Hammond from a political ring gave her title as a modern "Joan of Arc," was quietly married in Chicago Thursday. Charles S. Washburne of the Chicago Tribune staff was the groom.

Auburn, N. Y., April 7.—Six strike rioters were shot by the police here Friday in an attack on the plant of the Columbian Rope company by a mob of 300 persons. Two of the six are fatally injured. After the shooting the situation became so serious that Mayor O'Neill called out the fire department and the local militia company to quell the disturbance.

Workmen's Bill Passed.

St. Paul, Minn., April 7.—The workmen's compensation and employers' liability bill, largely a copy of the New Jersey law, was passed by the Minnesota senate by a unanimous vote Friday.

Landslide Wrecks a Train.

Marshall, Tex., April 7.—Part of a Texas & Pacific passenger train was overturned east of Pravanal, La., by a landslide Friday. The foreman was killed and two other trainmen were hurt.

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