

WELCOME FOR TAFT

All New Orleans In Fever of Excite- ment Over Visit

Port Eads, via New Orleans, Feb. 11.—The scout ship, Birmingham, crossed the bar at 4:30 this morning and proceeded up the river conveying President-elect Taft and his party to New Orleans.

FIRST DAY PLEASANT.

New Orleans, Feb. 11.—Balmey spring weather marked the opening of the first day of the visit of President-elect Taft to New Orleans. Although Taft dozed peacefully off to sleep last night on board the North Carolina at the mouth of the river with considerable satisfaction over completing the greatest part of his journey home, the transfer to scout cruiser Birmingham and the trip up the river to New Orleans yet lay before him.

HEALTH OFFICER HELPS.
Late last night a federal health officer expedited the trip to New Orleans by going out to the North Carolina on a tug and issuing a clean bill of health for those on board. This did away with the stop at the quarantine.

The necessary changes in the program and unlooked for delay made the exact time of the arrival of the Birmingham uncertain and it was not until a wireless message was received that the Birmingham would certainly reach Chalmette, just below New Orleans, by 1 o'clock this afternoon that fears of the anxious committee were set at rest.

PLENTY TO DO.
Several dozen committees are figuring in the work of entertaining the guest. A parade, a luncheon and private entertainments are on today's program.

REVIVAL WILL RUN FOR THREE WEEKS

Rev. L. Clarence Moore of Decatur is conducting revival meetings.

March, Feb. 11.—Rev. L. Clarence Moore of Decatur began a revival meeting in the Marion Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening. The night was bitter cold, yet a good congregation was present and listened attentively to every word spoken by the evangelist.

Mr. Moore is a fearless, convincing speaker and the meeting bids fair to be a great success.

The singing is being furnished by local talent. On Tuesday evening Miss Florence Rabin rendered a solo.

The meetings will continue for the next three weeks.

MODERN PRINCIPLES MEET.

The Modern Principles club entertained the Women's club at their meeting with Mrs. Ed Hendrix on Thursday afternoon.

The condition of Amos Hill remains about the same.

Mrs. Hilt and Jesse Fischer are very sick.

CLUB GATHERING.

Mrs. C. D. Schenck entertained the Ladies' Household club on Wednesday afternoon. Ten members were present. Refreshments were served. The afternoon was a game, social conversation and a little work were the afternoon amusements.

TO VISIT FUNERAL.

C. E. Miller, George Miller, James Pulliam and Douglas went to Chicago Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of a relative, Mrs. Jeffers. Mrs. Pulliam has been with her for the past two weeks.

Mrs. C. E. Schenck has gone to Mt. Zion to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houtenburgh.

LIQUOR PAPER ISSUES WARNING TO BREWERS

Tells Those Interested That Prohibition Is Proving a Strong Enemy.

New York, Feb. 11.—Warning the liquor interests that the prohibition wave has reached gigantic proportions, T. M. Gilmore, president of the Model License league, in an editorial in Buffalo's Wine and Spirit circular, printed yesterday, calls upon the liquor men throughout the country to organize for the fight against the anti-saloon league. The writer sets forth that in the last eighteen months six states have outlawed the liquor traffic and that six more are preparing to do so.

"The saloon is fighting for its life in practically every state in the union," he warns.

REPEAL LOCAL OPTION LAW.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 11.—The house yesterday afternoon passed to engrossment both the Kleckner and Proctor-Tomlinson bills, which provide for the repeal of the county local option law. The former is the Democratic platform bill which substitutes township and ward local option, and the latter a compromise measure providing for incorporated town and city ward option.

THAT KNOX KNOCK IS REMOVED

Washington, Feb. 11.—Following close upon the discovery that Senator Knox of Pennsylvania could not, without violating the provisions of the constitution of the United States, accept the state portfolio in the Taft cabinet, the senate yesterday took prompt action to remove the constitutional objection. Senator Hile introduced a resolution, which was referred to the committee on judiciary, providing the salary of the secretary of state be reduced from \$12,000 to \$8,000, the figure at which it stood before it was increased, along with those of all the other cabinet officers, two years ago.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate committee on judiciary today reached a conclusion that by reducing the salary of the secretary of state to \$8,000, Knox will be eligible to appointment by Taft for that position.

NO ACTING FOR MISS WALSH THIS SEASON

Actress in Hospital Is in Alarming Condition.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—In all probability Blanche Walsh, the actress confined at University hospital here with a severe attack of stomach trouble, will not be seen on the stage again this season. Physicians today reported her condition still alarming.

KING EDWARD HAS A BAD COLD

Told to Stay In, But He Has Luncheon With Officers.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—King Edward is suffering today from an attack of bronchial catarrh and according to a local newspaper he has called in consultation a German physician who ordered him to remain in his room. In spite of this, however, the king had luncheon with the officers of the dragon regiment of which he is an honorary colonel.

It had been planned also that the king would go in an automobile to Potsdam this morning to lay a wreath on the tomb of his sister, mother of Emperor William, but this part of the program was not carried out.

HENEY IS I.L. TRIAL POSTPONED

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The trial of P. J. Henehy, president of the United Railroads, accused of bribery, was postponed today until Monday on account of the illness of District Attorney Francis J. Heney.

MINISTER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

New York, Feb. 11.—Rev. Frederick W. Loos of Yale, S. D., was the principal witness against his father, Carl Loos of this city, who was put on trial yesterday, charged with the murder of his daughter, Miss Loos, aged 18, in New York a few months ago. Rev. Mr. Loos was himself shot through the chest by his father at the time of the killing of the girl, but recovered after a month in a hospital.

THINGS TALKED ABOUT IN SPRINGFIELD

The new St. Nicholas hotel annex of five stories was started yesterday with a luncheon and short speeches in connection with the laying of the cornerstone.

Representatives of all the steam roads, division superintendents in most instances, met and organized a terminal association that is expected to expedite the handling of freight in the city.

Three grocers, when told by pure food inspectors that their vinegar in barrels and strawberry extract did not comply with the laws, escaped punishment by pouring out the fluids.

To get first place on the judicial primary election ballot, relays of men are standing at the door of Secretary of State Rock's office, waiting for Friday morning. They began standing Wednesday morning. Democratic candidates in Cook county have first place so far.

LINCOLN HONORED EMANCIPATOR

Lincoln, Feb. 11.—Lincoln paid tribute to the martyred president, the man from whom it derived its name, last evening at the centennial celebration held in the opera house. Rev. Euclid B. Rogers, pastor of the Central Baptist church of Springfield, was the principal orator of the evening.

DOCTOR HAS A CURE FOR PARESIS

Massillon, O., Feb. 11.—While delivering an address before the Union Medical society Dr. J. D. O'Brien exhibited four patients who are suffering from paresis. They had been recently treated with serum. The theory of Dr. O'Brien is that paresis is a germ disease and he says he has discovered a serum that will cause the disease to yield to treatment.

ANTI-JAP BILL IS REJECTED

California Finally Accedes to Wishes of Rest of the Country.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 11.—Yielding to pressure brought to bear by President Roosevelt and Governor Gillett, the California assembly retired from its previous position on the anti-Japanese matter yesterday by reconsidering the former vote on the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools and finally rejecting the measure 41 to 37.

The efforts of supporters of the bill further to reconsider was lost by a tie vote and the assembly is now clear of any anti-Japanese measure objected to by the national administration.

HEATED DEBATES RESULT.

The fight for suppression of the bill was won only after many hours of heated debate on the floor. The struggle started at 10:30 in the morning, on the presentation of a resolution by Assemblyman Trammis of Los Angeles, affirming the right of the state to govern its schools, but without withdrawing the Japanese segregation measure because of the president's objection to it, and lasted until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when Grove L. Johnson's motion further to reconsider was defeated on a tie vote, 38 to 38.

"I am highly pleased with the action of the assembly today," said Governor Gillett. "The east has been deeply concerned in measures pending here and I feared that if anti-Japanese legislation were passed at this time it would have a disastrous effect."

TO TAKE CENSUS OF JAPS.

Gillett said last night the next matter to be taken up by the assembly would be the proposed appropriation of \$10,000 for compiling a census of the Japanese of California. He said that if from the data so gathered it were found necessary to do so, congress would be urged to enact an Asiatic exclusion measure.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The president last evening received a telegram from Governor Gillett of California, and Speaker Stanton of the assembly of that state, appraising him of the fact that the school segregation bill was killed in the assembly.

To the governor the president sent this reply:

"Accept my heartfelt congratulations. All good Americans appreciate what you have done. Pray extend my congratulations individually to all who have aided you. I feel the way in which California has done what was right for the nation makes it more than ever obligatory on the nation in every way to safeguard the interests of California. All that I personally can do toward this end, whether in public or private life, shall most certainly be done."

To Stanton the president telegraphed:

"Accept my heartfelt thanks and congratulations for the great service you have rendered. On behalf of the people of the United States I thank the people of California and their representatives in the legislature."

ANOTHER BLOW AT CONTEST

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.—The thirty-first ballot of the legislature in joint session for United States senator resulted:

Hopkins	55
Foss	11
Stringer	55
Shurtliff	13
Nixon	3
McKinley	1
Lowden	1
John J. Mitchell	2
Bierman	2

The next ballot will be taken next Tuesday noon.

DEBEN COMMITTEE.

Springfield, Feb. 11.—If any harm was ever intended against Governor Deben by the investigation resolution adopted by the legislature Wednesday, it was nullified Thursday when the committee was appointed. Every Republican on the joint committee is a friend of Deben, and, as Republicans are in the majority on the committee, that means that Deben controls it. The committee:

Senate—Bridell, Barr, Jones, Cotter, Hurlburt, McKenzie, Hearn, Toley, Hogsall.

House—Reynolds, McLean, King, Adamson, Price, Donohue, Hurby, Murphy, Walsh.

Lincoln memorial services were held in the house today before packed galleries. Governor Deben and Lieutenant Governor John D. G. Oglesby occupied the platform with Speaker Shurtliff.

STORM PRECEDED SETTLEMENT.

Springfield, Feb. 11.—The worst row of the session was witnessed yesterday in the house before the factions finally agreed to the plan to let a committee determine whether the allegations are sufficient to warrant a recount of the votes for governor. The breach be-

tween the Deben and Tiptott factions of the Democracy was widened until now they are separated by a deep chasm. On the matter of referring the contest petition to a committee with no other power than to pass upon its sufficiency the two factions tore apart from one another, each gloating over the position the other got itself into on the two roll calls that were necessary to bring order out of the chaotic condition.

AT WHITE HEAT.

It was in the course of the second roll call that the trouble among the Democrats came to a white heat. Representatives Lantz and Tiptott aroused the wrath of the Deben followers when explaining their votes. Each took the position that he favored anything that would get the contest petition before a committee, believing that it could not fail to present the prima facie case, and that he was willing to make most any sacrifice to bring this about. Lantz said no matter to what extent the powers of the committee were curtailed, he favored the substitute because it offered the only way of getting the contest to a committee. The curtailing of the committee's powers also appeared reasonable to Tiptott, because he said, he was not afraid for any committee to investigate the sufficiency of the petition.

ASSURES GOVERNOR OF SUPPORT.

Speaker Shurtliff visited Governor Deben in the executive offices in the capitol building yesterday and spent a few minutes in conversation with the chief executive.

In the conversation Speaker Shurtliff assured the governor that the house organization was absolutely friendly to his administration as a Republican governor.

Possible legislation which may come before the house was touched on before the close of the visit. Neither the speaker nor the governor attached any special significance to the incident referring to it afterward and apparently considered it only a friendly call, such as would be exchanged between any two state officers.

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE.

Decided difference of opinion as to the necessity of a reapportionment of the present seventeen judicial circuits of the state was shown in the meeting of the house judicial appointment committee.

SENATE FAVORS INCREASE.

The University of Illinois salary resolution which was vigorously discussed was adopted by the senate, after another session of argument. The resolution was modified somewhat in its wording and offered as a substitute. As was the case the day before, the fight against the resolution was led by Senators Pemberton, Gardner, Crickshank, Potter, Henson. There were seventeen votes against it.

SAME IN WISCONSIN.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 11.—Today's joint ballot for United States senator resulted no choice. Stephenson received 58 out of 125.

LAST TRIP AS PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Off for Exercises at Hodgenville.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Beginning his last extended trip as chief executive of the United States President Roosevelt left Washington at noon today for Hodgenville, Ky., where tomorrow he will do honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln at the heroic war president's birthplace.

The president's party is due at Hodgenville, which is several miles from a railroad, tomorrow noon. After the exercises he will start immediately for Washington, arriving Saturday afternoon.

ALLISON MONUMENT IN STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

Des Moines, Feb. 11.—The senate committee of the Iowa legislature today recommended the passage of a bill providing \$10,000 for a monument for the late Senator Allison on the state house grounds.

STATEHOOD BILL TO PASS MONDAY

Washington, Feb. 11.—Representative Watson of Indiana, a Republican, told the president today that the bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood will pass the house next Monday.

FARMER MURDERED AND ROBBED

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 11.—J. W. Kruger, aged 60, a farmer living on the outskirts of town was murdered and robbed last night. It is not known how much money was secured. There is no clue. His skull was crushed.

DECLARES HOP ALE A NUISANCE

Cartersville, Ill., Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed declaring the "hop" business a nuisance and ordering it suppressed; also passed an ordinance allowing drugists to sell liquor only upon a physician's prescription.

PLEDGER DIES AT SPOKANE

Assistant to "Billy" Sunday Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 11.—Rev. C. P. Pledger, assistant to Evangelist William Sunday, died of pneumonia at 4:45 this morning. Mr. Pledger had been in the hospital several days. He has been gradually getting worse and the last two days there has been small hope of his recovery.

NEWS A SHOCK.

Mr. Pledger Had Many Friends in Decatur.

News of the death of Mr. Pledger is a shock to his many acquaintances and friends in Decatur, as it was not known that his condition was critical, though it was known that he had been sick since the Sunday party went to Spokane.

Mr. Pledger had planned to leave the Sunday party after the Springfield revival and hold meetings alone. He had dates for several places in Illinois. Mr. Pledger joined Mr. Sunday at the Bloomington meeting just before coming to Decatur. Last summer he held meetings at different central Illinois cities and in that way made the acquaintance of even more people in this section than did Mr. Sunday himself.

HIS LIFE.

Clifton Bryor Pledger was born in 1875 at Tupelo, Miss. His father was the mayor of the city and was engaged in business as a wholesale whiskey merchant. The family moved to Texas and Mr. Pledger was converted at the age of 18. He gave up a position paying \$75 a month to be a minister and entered the Polytechnic college at Fort Worth. He there became known as the boy preacher.

Mr. Pledger entered the Moody institute and held evangelistic meetings in Chicago. While he was pastor of Deering church he received a call to the assistant pastorate of the St. James Methodist church of Chicago with a much larger salary. The flattering offer with the handsome salary was declined. Mrs. G. E. Swift, wife of the millionaire packer, was impressed by the refusal of the young man to accept the call to St. James church. She offered him a scholarship in Harvard university. The scholarship meant \$1,000 a year to him. He accepted and entered in 1902, leaving in 1905, after completing a special course.

He then took charge of the Epilepsy Square church in Boston and within one year doubled its membership. Mr. Pledger was offered the pastorate of the Tremont church in Boston but declined this. At the Rock River conference in October, 1907, he was appointed conference evangelist with headquarters in Chicago.

Mr. Pledger's career with Mr. Sunday began Jan. 1, 1908.

He was unmarried.

JOIN IN TEXAS TO GET LAWS

Railroads and Unions in a Novel Compact—Improvements Ordered.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 11.—For the first time, it is believed, in the history of railroads and unionists in the United States the management of all roads entering Texas and the railway unions today agreed on all pending legislation before the state legislature.

The employees agree to be lenient on the full crew bill and will fight the 2-cent fare law. The railroads agree to a law promoting their employees according to length of service and experience. It is understood that all railroad lines will immediately commence contemplated improvements involving the expenditures estimated at \$10,000,000.

TO SPEND MILLION FOR COAL BARGES

Paduach, Ky., Feb. 11.—The West Kentucky Coal Company, which operates mines near Sturgis, Ky., announces that it will build 500 barges at a cost of about \$1,000,000. The site for building them will be between Paduach and Sturgis.

VILLAGE BOARD TO PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

Light Plant Now Belongs to Lovington Complete Overhauling Coming.

Lovington, Feb. 11.—The village board will meet Thursday evening at which time the final arrangements will be completed whereby the village comes into possession of the electric light and power plant.

A new boiler and smokestack will be purchased at once, and the outfit will be completely overhauled and put into first class shape. A competent manager will be employed, for which position several applications have already been filed.

STREETS WILL BE LIGHTED.

The lighting of the streets, which has been discontinued for several years, will be resumed at an early date. The

plant was installed by A. J. Lewis & company, in the fall of 1896 and was leased by G. W. Bryant and C. A. Gregory about two years ago. Their lease expired Jan. 15.

ENTERTAINED MEMBERS.

North Star Lodge No. 349 Knights of Pythias entertained the members of the order and their families in the lodge room Tuesday evening. A stereopticon entertainment was given and refreshments served.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott Sunday, Feb. 7, a daughter.

W. R. Hoeler was a Hammond visitor Tuesday.

DRAG ON STREETS.

The split-log drag, of which so much has been heard lately, was used on the streets of Lovington Tuesday for the first time with any effect. The roads were dragged during the afternoon before the froze came, and Wednesday morning they were as smooth as any place. County roads were also treated in the same manner.

LYLES TO LECTURE.

Rev. C. S. Lyles will deliver a public lecture at the Methodist church on Thursday evening. The subject will be "Abraham Lincoln."

CONTEST EXCITING.

The contests for the Republican and Democratic nominations for tax collector of Lovington township promises to be exciting. Each party has four candidates in the field. The Democratic primary will be held March 13. The Republican date has not been decided.

Fred Woodson visited relatives in Monticello over Sunday.

Dr. Will Donovan and wife of Seymour are the guests of relatives here.

The Broadway Amusement company, a repertoire show, will appear at the Bijou theater Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week.

UNION CARD FOR MRS. LONGWORTH

She Will Be a Member and May Lay a Corner Stone.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the Bricklayers and Stonemasons' union, No. 1, tonight, Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth will be formally issued a union card. This honor will be conferred in preparation for the part she will take tomorrow in the exercises of laying the corner stone of the new Grand Rapids federal building.

OBJECT TO ADDING TO NATURALIZATION COST

Washington, Feb. 11.—The conference report on the bill amending the naturalization laws was disagreed to and the bill was laid upon the table in the house today following a lively debate.

A storm of protests from every quarter came against the senate amendment increasing the cost of naturalization from \$5 to \$10.

AUTOCRATIC JUDGE IS HIT BY ARTICLE

Clinton Paper Denounces Abuse and Pettishness from the Bench.

Lawyers in Decatur have received a copy of the Clinton Journal of the issue of Feb. 10. It has an article on the judicial contest on the Republican side. The article is on the editorial page, is double-column, double-loaded and big type.

The greater part of the article consists of an extract from Henry S. Wood's "Fables of the Bench," a book published by a Chicago attorney not long since. In the extract the author has much to say against vanity in a judge. The Clinton Journal, and it is a Republican paper, then adds on its own account:

"Those who are familiar with the judiciary of this district will recognize in the above excerpts a very authentic likeness of one of our present judges. This judge believes he should be re-elected, and as a consequence he is before the people seeking re-nomination for popular rights. Our courts are no longer the old instruments of the inquiry, and our judiciary should be made to know it. If this judge is not defeated at the primaries he should be at the election."

"We have been inflicted with his judicial pettishness for a period of six years, and it is time that this pettishness give way to a decent respect for popular rights. Our courts are no longer the old instruments of the inquiry, and our judiciary should be made to know it. If this judge is not defeated at the primaries he should be at the election."

RESTAURANT SOLD.

Monticello, Feb. 11.—John Whalen has sold his restaurant stock and fixtures to R. A. Clodfelter. Mr. Whalen has been running a restaurant on Market and West Washington streets for a number of months. It is understood that he expects to locate in Kankakee.

NINETEEN AT W. C. T. U.

Latham, Feb. 11.—W. C. T. U. society met at the home of Mrs. C. T. Elliott Wednesday afternoon.

At roll call nineteen members responded and one visitor.

TO GREET THE FLEET

Washington Is Char- tering All Steam- ers Available

Washington, Feb. 11.—In point of public interest the home coming of the great battleship fleet promises to exceed the notable departure of the same vessels. Already Washington officials and others who intend to go to Old Point Comfort on Washington's birthday to see the ships come in are finding difficulty in securing accommodations. One result of this has been a great increase in the number of passenger steamers chartered for the occasion. Today the Navy league succeeded in reserving a steamer with a capacity of 350 persons.

WHEAT SHOULD BE \$1.25 BUSHEL

Society of Equity Official Informs Congress of the Fact.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Declaring that the farmer should receive as much profit as the manufacturer or merchant and that the minimum price of wheat on the farm should be \$1.25 a bushel, the American Society of Equity has transmitted a paper to congress showing the cost of farm materials and machinery and the amount of capital which it is necessary for the farmer to invest before beginning the raising of wheat. It set forth that many growers of grain do not know the cost of producing a bushel of wheat.

The figures are compiled from the books of a business farmer in the Red river valley and which have been testified to by expert accountants. They place the cost of producing wheat at \$1.19 1/2 a bushel.

TELEPHONE FORCE RESIGNS AT SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Feb. 11.—Five employees of the local Mutual Telephone company have resigned their positions. They are Manager Charles Sampson and Linemen John Sampson, Orman Foster, Earl Conrad and George Jones.