

## LORIMER SAVED BY LAME DUCKS

### Illinois Senator Given Clear Title To His Seat

Generally Conceded That Members Of Legislature Were Bribed, But Evidence Did Not Personally Connect Chicago Politician With Practices—If Additional Facts Are Brought To Light, Enemies Will Renew Fight At Next Session

Washington, March 2.—Following the most acrimonious and extended contest of its kind in the history of the country, the senate, by a vote of 46 to 40, declared Senator William Lorimer of Illinois innocent of the bribery charges preferred against him and refused to declare his seat vacant.

Senator Lorimer was saved by the votes of men who will retire from the senate on March 4. Nearly every one of the lame ducks voted for him. Here is the list of the retiring senators who voted in favor of Lorimer: Buckley of Connecticut, Burrows of Michigan, Carter of Montana, Depew of New York, Dick of Ohio, Hale of Maine, Kean of New Jersey, Piles of Washington and Scott of West Virginia.

Ohio's vote was split, Burton voting against and Dick in favor of seating Lorimer. Lorimer had pleaded for his political life with all the fervor of a man actually endeavoring to avoid a death sentence. No prosecuting attorney could have arraigned a defendant more bitterly or more mercilessly than Senators Beveridge, Crawford, Owen and LaFollette excoriated the "sitting" member, who is now a member in the full meaning of the word.

**Proof Held Insufficient.** Lorimer was acquitted on the ground that no proof had been presented to show that he personally was responsible for any of the admitted corruption in the Illinois legislature coincident with his election. That there was bribery was admitted, but that it was sufficiently extensive to affect the election was denied. It was asserted that Lorimer was the victim of persecution; that fraud, the "third degree" and various forms of intimidation were practiced against him.

Lorimer's opponents apparently do not intend to end their fight against him with the action by the senate. Some of them have been hinting that new testimony will be produced in the next session of congress and an attempt will be made to reopen the case upon this. It will be practically impossible, however, to put Lorimer on trial again before the senate unless strong new evidence is produced. The Illinois legislature already has ordered an investigation into the charges of bribery and corruption, and Lorimer's enemies expect this will develop further details in regard to his election.

#### FIGHT TARIFF BOARD BILL

Heyburn and Stone Start Mild Form of Filibuster.

Washington, March 2.—The senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill after several hours of debate,

## STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF IN CITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, March 2.—At a meeting of the Chicago Typographical Union the strike of compositors on the Chicago Examiner and Evening American was declared off. This action

was taken by a unanimous vote, in response to the order of the executive council of the international typographical union. All Chicago printers resumed normal size today.

most of which turned upon the appropriations for the forest service, and as usual Senator Heyburn of Idaho appeared in his role of attacking appropriations for this work. The senator from Idaho offered an amendment to reduce the amount carried by the bill for the forest service from \$5,500,000 to \$1,000,000, but it was voted down.

After the agricultural bill had been disposed of Senators Heyburn and Stone unlimbered their guns and started out on a deliberate attempt to block a vote upon the tariff commission proposition. Senator Heyburn made no pretense of concealing his purpose to defeat this bill. He declared that he would stand for the rights of the people in this matter up to the fourth day of March, if necessary.

**Steenerson Bill Passes.** Washington, March 2.—The house completed its work on the last of its appropriation bills by passing the Steenerson measure, known as the militia pay bill. The vote was 159 to 124. The Steenerson bill provides that officers of militia shall receive from 5 to 25 per cent of the pay accorded officers of similar rank in the regular army. Privates will receive \$48 each in pay a year, provided they attend the required number of drills and are available for two years' service under the federal government.

**May Hide Foul Murder.** Rochester, N. Y., March 2.—The charred body of James Hyatt, 40, was found in the ruins of his home at Yatesville. Hyatt was a recluse and is said to have had much money in his house. The police are working on the theory that the house was burned following a robbery and murder.

**HARMON NAMES NICHOLS**

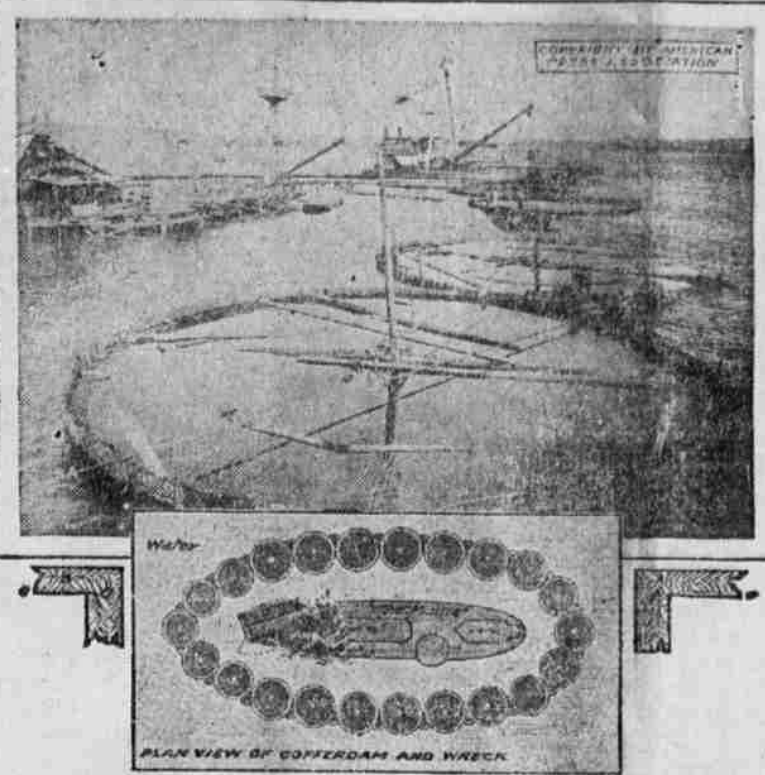
Batavia Man to Succeed Pomerene as Lieutenant Governor.

Columbus, O., March 2.—Lieutenant Governor Atlee Pomerene tendered his resignation to Governor Harmon, to take effect at 12 o'clock tonight. Governor Harmon accepted the resignation and announced the appointment of Hugh F. Nichols of Batavia, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Nichols is expected to arrive in Columbus today and, if he accepts the place, will be sworn in at once and will preside over the session of the senate tomorrow morning.

Senator-elect Pomerene will start for Washington this evening, and on Saturday will take the oath of office as United States senator.

**The Tortoise.** The tortoise lives longer than any other known animal.

### Work of Raising the Maine Is Not Quite One-half Completed



**A**FTER remaining for more than thirteen years in the mud and slime of Havana harbor the wreck of the battleship Maine is soon to be exposed to view. A cofferdam is being constructed about the hulk, and when it is completed the water will be pumped out, the mud will be cleared away, and the exact condition of the wreck will be ascertained. As the illustrations show, the cofferdam is to be constructed of a series of twenty cylinders, each fifty feet in diameter. Each cylinder is composed of 150 sheet steel pilings seventy-five feet long, which will be driven forty or fifty feet into the mud until firm clay is encountered. After the cylinders are completed they will be filled with clay and will be united on the outside by arcs of piling, and the spaces between the arcs and the cylinders will also be filled with clay. Eight of the twenty cylinders are in place, and steam hammers mounted on barges are driving the other piles as rapidly as possible. The method of raising the Maine after it is exposed has not been determined, and the plan to be adopted will depend on the condition of the hull. If possible bulkheads will be constructed, and the vessel or the larger portion of it will be floated. The Maine was destroyed at 9:10 o'clock on the night of Feb. 15, 1898. Before the divers quit searching the ruins 188 bodies were recovered and sixty-three men were officially reported as missing. Their bones will probably be found in the hold of the vessel and will be forwarded to the Arlington National cemetery for burial beside their comrades.

## SHERIFF GUARDS HOUSE OF ALLEGED MURDERER

**Bellefontaine, O., March 2.**—Gilbert Beers, 21, charged with the murder of Burr Kerns, a farmer, was held to the grand jury without bail. John Beers, the father, was able to furnish \$500 bail on the charge of assault.

**Girl Accidentally Kills Boy.** Athens, O., March 2.—Howard Walker, 18, was shot and instantly killed at Carbondale by Alfie Arnold, a 16-year-old girl. An unloaded revolver was responsible. The girl was not held, after an investigation by the coroner.

## STRIKE SPREADING

**Ravenna, O., March 2.**—The climax came in the strike of washers in the Anver plant of the Cleveland Worsted Mills company when the entire force of operatives consisting of 275 men and 36 girls, walked out in a sympathetic strike. The washers demand a wage increase of 10 cents a day because of working through the noon hour, to avoid the loss of stopping the machinery. They offered to continue working pending decision on their demand, but the offer was not accepted.

## CLY SANE SAYS EXPERTS

Columbus, O., March 2.—After examining Carl J. Cly, on trial for the murder of his wife, Drs. W. D. Deuschle and W. L. Whitaker took the witness stand and declared that Cly was sane and capable of distinguishing right from wrong on the night of July 13, when Mrs. Cly was murdered. Cly's offense has been emotional insanity.

**Beers house, near Big Springs.** Neighbors say that threats have been freely expressed to dynamite the house.

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## KILLED AT CROSSING

**Delphos, O., March 2.**—Mr. and Mrs. David Davies and child were struck by a Pennsylvania train at Ford's crossing. Mr. and Mrs. Davies were instantly killed and the child will die.

**Arm Torn From Socket.** Cleveland, O., March 2.—Paul Chermich, 22, tore his arm from its socket to save his life when his fingers caught in an automatic wringer at the sanitary laundry. The noise of the wringer was so loud that he went on through the door.

## MITCHELL BOWS TO AMENDMENT

Decides to Remain Loyal to Miners' Union.

### QUITS THE CIVIC FEDERATION

In Letter to President Seth Low Former Labor Leader Explains Action of International Convention Amending Constitution to Force Him to Quit Membership in Organization or Resign as Head of Trade Agreement Department.

New York, March 2.—President Seth Low of the National Civic Federation has received and accepted the resignation of John Mitchell as chairman of the trade agreement department and as a member of the organization.

Mr. Mitchell, in his letter to President Low, recites the action taken by the United Mine Workers of America at their convention in Columbus in adopting an amendment to the constitution providing that any member of the United Mine Workers of America accepting a position as representative of the National Civic Federation shall forfeit his membership in the union.

**Placed Between Two Fires.** "It is needless to say that I regret the action of the miners' convention, not so much because it requires me to choose between the two organizations, as because of the unjust and gratuitous attack upon the National Civic Federation, which, in addition to its many other useful public activities, has stood consistently as an advocate of righteous industrial peace.

"The fact that at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, held in January, I was re-elected as chairman of the trade agreement department, and a member of the executive council for the current year, adds to the difficulties of the situation in which I find myself; however, there is no way under the laws of the miners' union whereby the enforcement of its constitution can be held in abeyance until such time as the period for which I have been re-elected as an officer of the National Civic Federation shall have expired.

**Asks Release From Contract.** "Under these circumstances, I respectfully request that you release me from my contract to serve as chairman of the trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation and accept my resignation as member of the executive council and as a member of the federation itself, the same to become effective at any time prior to April 1 that is agreeable to you.

"In taking this step, I wish to assure you and the gentlemen associated with you, both as members and officers of the National Civic Federation, that I appreciate deeply the confidence which has been reposed in me and the co-operation which I have always received from you and them in every effort I have made to be of assistance in promoting righteous industrial peace through the medium of the trade agreement."

### PREPARE FOR ATTACK

Mexican Bandits Shift Scene of Activities to Arizona Border.

El Paso, March 2.—The border activity in the Mexican insurrection has shifted to Naco, Ariz., and the defenders of that little town of less than 500 people on the international line are momentarily fearing an assault from the rebels in the Ajos mountains. The Naco officials got in a machine gun, which they mounted on top of the city hall, which had already been fortified with earth. They each had their soldiers adopted ready.

## PASS MEASURE, THEN DEFEAT IT

### Senators Play Football With Non-partisan Judicial Bill

**Reynolds Thought To Cinch Victory By Reconsideration, But Yount And Finnefrock Undergo Sudden Change Of Attitude And Vote In The Negative—Upper Branch, Knocks Out Proposition To Distribute More Copies Of Howe's History**

Columbus, O., March 2.—Senator Reynolds' bill, providing for the non-partisan nomination of candidates for the judiciary, and designed to supplement the Reynolds bill passed by the house some weeks ago providing for nonpartisan election of judicial candidates, was passed by the senate and later killed. After the nominations bill was passed Reynolds wanted to cinch the action and moved a reconsideration. This motion, unexpectedly to him, prevailed, and then when another vote was taken it was found that Senators Yount and Finnefrock had changed their attitude. Instead of supporting it the second time, they voted to kill it.

The bill by Mr. Tod of Mahoning county to make imprisonment a necessary part of every punishment for bribery, was passed by the senate.

**Pensions For Professors.** Senator Todd of Franklin county introduced several bills at the request of the authorities of the Ohio state university. Two of them authorize the trustees to compromise claims for damages with victims of accidents at the university, and the other will authorize the board to establish a fund for the pensioning of retired members of the faculty after long service. The Carnegie foundation, which will now admit the university to the benefits of that fund so far as standing is concerned, will not recognize the professors of the college of agriculture on equal footing with those in the college of arts, and the university is unwilling to be placed upon the foundation with such a discrimination.

By a vote of 4 yeas to 22 nays, the senate killed the house resolution to print \$17,500 worth of Howe's histories for free distribution in the state by legislators.

The Evans resolution, which aimed to stamp out polygamy in the United States by amending the federal constitution, was tabled in the senate by a viva voce vote.

In the house the Crosser initiative and referendum bill was made a special order of business for next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Collective Power Changed.**

The house passed the Black bill, which would transfer from superintendents of nine state benevolent institutions to the state board of charities the duty of collecting from pay patients. The bill would also create jobs for a cashier and three additional assistants, but it is claimed would save money for the state.

## THE FIGHT IS STILL ON AGAINST MAGAZINE MEN

Washington, March 2.—President Taft told the magazine men bluntly that his fight for an increased rate on second-class postage was on to a finish, and that they might as well prepare to face the issue again in the next congress if it is defeated in this one. He suggested that the methods used by some of the magazines in combating the proposed legislation were the kind usually reported to in defense of a cause for which there is no defense.

County commissioners are authorized to employ nurses to visit homes of consumptives and give instructions under the provisions of the Reynolds bill passed by the house. Under the Crist bill, which passed the house, May primaries will be held only hereafter in the 82 cities and in the counties of the state. Primaries in villages, townships and school districts are wiped out.

### HEARING IS POSTPONED

Public Utilities Bill to Be Argued Next Wednesday Evening.

Columbus, O., March 2.—The Winters public utility bill will be accorded a public hearing in the hall of the house next Wednesday evening. The hearing scheduled for last night was postponed. Telephone men were present and would have urged that the bill be amended to include the provision in the Yount bill that a new company shall not be allowed to start in a community which now has telephone service unless the commission finds there is public necessity for the new enterprise.

### Recommend Woman's Reformatory.

Columbus, O., March 2.—After increasing the size of the farm for the proposed woman's reformatory from 200 acres to 640, the senate committee on prisons and prison reforms recommended Senator Shaffer's bill, which has the special approval of Governor Harmon. The action followed a meeting with the house committee, at which Secretary H. H. Shriver of the state board of charities and women interested in prisons for women spoke.

### Will Discuss Adjournment.

Columbus, O., March 2.—At the caucus to be held this evening by Democratic representatives, the question of adjournment will undoubtedly be taken up. Speaker Vining has argued April 20 as the date of adjournment and he will insist upon this at the caucus. The caucus also will take up the question of congressional redistricting, as well as the seating of the Democratic legislative contestants from Hamilton county.

### Herrick Before Committee.

Columbus, O., March 2.—Former Governor Myron T. Herrick appeared before the banks and banking committee of the house this morning in opposition to the Hillenkamp bill, which seeks to provide for a bank guarantee fund to protect bank depositors.