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## PASS RATE BILL

Esch-Townsend Measure Approved by House.

WASHINGTON—After nearly four days of discussion the house on Thursday by a vote of 326 to 17, passed the Esch-Townsend bill providing for the regulation of freight rates.

The negative vote was made up of eleven republicans and six democrats. Closing hours of the debate were occupied by Messrs. Williams of Missouri, and the minority leader and Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the committee which reported the bill. Mr. Williams, while supporting the minority measure, even though he said he knew it could not pass, complimented the republicans for bringing in a bill which was much better than he expected would come from them.

The speech of Mr. Hepburn was rather in defense of himself. He said that his deeds and acts were a sufficient answer to the "lies and slanders" which had been heaped upon him. The bill known as the Hepburn bill, he said, had been prepared by the attorney general, and he only yielded to his colleagues on the committee on the Esch-Townsend bill because he did not want the committee to be the target for scribblers who wanted sensational headlines. He devoted some time to a strong presentation of the merits of the majority measure.

The closing remarks for the minority were made by Mr. Williams (Miss.) who at the outset congratulated the house upon the fact that not only in the matter of rate legislation, but in several other particulars President Roosevelt, "nominated by the republican party and elected by the people," was beginning to assume a distinctly democratic attitude.

Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, closed for the republicans. He explained the difficulties of preparing such a measure as the bill reported, saying no two men entertained the same opinion either as to what was in the bill or what ought to be in it.

The substitute bill of the minority was defeated, 151 to 186, Messrs. Gaines (Tenn.), Rider and Scudder (N. Y.) and Livernash and Wynann (Cal.), voting with the republicans.

The roll then was called on the Esch-Townsend bill, which was passed, 326 to 17.

## TO REACH THE PRIVATE LINES

Proposed That Senate Committee Shall Sit During Vacation.

WASHINGTON—The resolution to be introduced in the senate by Mr. Keen of New Jersey, providing that the committee on interstate commerce shall sit during the summer for the investigation of the subject of railroad rate legislation, will not be offered until it has first been approved by the committee. It had been announced that the resolution would be presented in the senate yesterday. The interstate commerce commission will meet Saturday to consider the resolution.

The plan to have the senate committee investigate thoroughly the subject of rate legislation has been approved by a large number of senators of both parties.

It is said the committee will work along the line of perfecting the Esch-Townsend bill and incorporate in that measure a provision to reach private car lines.

The idea is that the committee is ready to report in October or the 1st of November, notice shall be sent to the president, and if he is so inclined an extra session may be called. Should there be a demand from any senator for immediate consideration of the house bill it is planned to ascertain the sentiment of passing a rate bill at the present session by a vote on the proposed Keen resolution.

## MORE LAND FRAUD FINDINGS

Former District Attorney at Portland Indicted.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ex-United States Attorney John H. Hall was indicted by the federal grand jury in connection with the federal land fraud cases in course of investigation.

The indictment against Former United States District Attorney Hall is for alleged participation in a conspiracy to prevent and obstruct the free passage over and the free use of the public land situated in Wheeler county. The document also alleges that threats of violence and other means of intimidation were used to drive legitimate householders already settled on the land from the vicinity. Among the defendants named, in addition to Attorney Hall, are Congressman Binger Harmann, Clark F. Loomis and nine others, all of whom, it is alleged worked in the interest of the Butte Creek land, lumber and live stock company.

A second indictment returned charges Henry Meldrum and associates with having conspired to defraud the government of the United States by false and fraudulent surveys.

## Minority Report on Ship Subsidy.

WASHINGTON—A minority report on the bill known as the "ship subsidy" measure, was filed in the house Tuesday by Mr. Lucking (Mich.), representing the views of the democratic members of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries. The minority favors a discriminating high tonnage tax against foreign vessels, if not in violation of treaty obligations and large mail payments to the new lines to South America, Central America, South Africa, West Indian and Asiatic ports.

## He Didn't Take It Very Hard.

An old-fashioned minister was attending the last rites of a member of his church down in Tennessee and after praising the virtues of the deceased he turned to the bereaved husband and said: "My good brother, you have been called upon to part with one of the best and loveliest of wives." "Oh, no, parson," said the husband, interrupting the minister, "not the best, but about middling."

## Where Doctors' Bills Are Unknown.

Swedish doctors never send bills to their patients. Each patient pays what he deems just or is able to give. The rich pay the physician liberally, whether they have need of his services or not, if he has been once retained by them. The poor, if they possibly can, pay him a small sum, and the very poor pay him nothing. Yet he attends the poor as faithfully as he does the rich.

## Guard Deserts Lunatic.

While looking for stragglers, just as a Welsh regiment was about to sail from Cape Town for England, an officer found a private standing at attention in a shed. "What are you doing here?" he was asked. "Please, sir," was the reply, "I am a lunatic and I am waiting for the corporal's guard." He was right; he was a lunatic and his guard had forgotten him.

## Promises Better Things Next Time.

We once hired a man to do a certain thing and he couldn't do it. But he spent hours in making explanations. If you fail to do a thing why waste additional time in making explanations? The point is, you didn't do it.—Atchison Globe.

## Women Physicians in Russia.

The number of women physicians is steadily increasing in Russia. According to a recent report there are now nearly 400 women studying medicine at Russian universities, the largest numbers being at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

## Death of Centenarian Mendicant.

There died recently in Trieste, Austria, in her 101st year, a woman mendicant named Doratti, who had obtained hundreds of pounds from credulous persons by promising them the reversion of two houses which had no existence.

## A Twist of Words.

When you give a literary man a manuscript to read, and he says that he will look it over, you might as well make up your mind at the start that until you have reminded him half a dozen times his is pretty sure to overlook it.—Somerville Journal.

## Misdirected Energy.

A little reflection will make many people wiser as to how much energy they may be wasting. By husbanding their intellectual and physical resources they can avoid misdirecting their energies and enjoy healthier and longer lives.

## An Age of Skepticism.

"Some ob dese hyeah young folks," thundered Parson Black, "am gittin' so dey doan' b'lieve nuffin' at all. Why, I wuz shocked de odder day to heah one ob dem say he didn't b'lieb it am bad luck to walk under a ladder!"

## For Chapped Hands.

Chapped hands should be frequently washed, well dried with a soft towel and smeared over with glycerine. If there are many ugly sores, a little zinc ointment is useful.

## Cairo Wedding Celebration.

A wedding celebration in Cairo lasts for three days. There is feasting during all the time and the house and streets are liberally decorated with flags and lanterns.

## Knew Her Place.

A woman of Scotland when asked if she had understood the sermon to which she had just been listening replied: "Wad I hae the presumption?"

## Contributed to the Sea.

The quantity of water discharged into the sea by all the rivers of the world is about eighty-six cubic miles in a day.

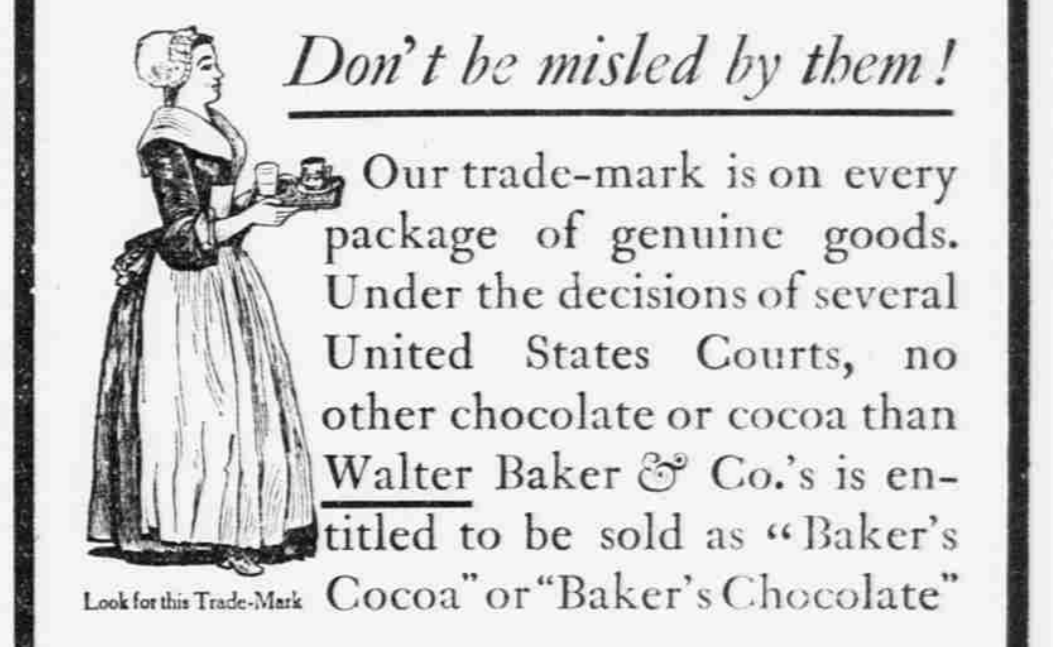
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