

WASHINGTON NEWS

The senate has accepted the proposition of the house to increase the salaries of senators and members to \$7,500 per year, and those of the vice-president, speaker and members of the president's cabinet to \$12,000 per year. The vote in the senate on this question stood 53 yeas to 21 nays.

The following is the vote on the passage of the bill:

Yeas: Aldrich, Allee, Ankeny, Benson, Beveridge, Brandegee, Bulkely, Burnham, Burrows, Carter, Clark (Mont.), Clark (Wyo.), Clarke (Ark.), Crane, Cullom, Daniel, Dick, Dillingham, Dubois, Dupont, Flint, Foraker, Fulton, Heyburn, Hopkins, Hale, Gallagher, Frye, Foster, Kittredge, Knox, Latimer, Lodge, Long, McCumber, McEaney, Millard, Money, Newlands, Nixon, Overman, Penrose, Pettus, Piles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Sutherland, Teller, Tillman, Warner, Warren—53.

Nays: Bacon, Berry, Blackburn, Burkett, Carmack, Clapp, Clay, Culbertson, Frazer, Hansbrough, Hemenway, LaFollette, McCreary, Mallory, Nelson, Patterson, Perkins, Rayner, Stone, Tallafiero, Whyte—21.

Senator Beveridge delivered an address in the senate in support of his child labor bill.

Theodore Shonts has resigned as chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, which will take effect March 4. Mr. Shonts resigns to become president of a rapid transit company in New York. It is thought that John F. Stevens, canal engineer, will become the active chief in the canal work.

The senate passed a compromise Foraker resolution authorizing the committee on military affairs to investigate the Brownsville, Texas, affair, out of which the discharge of the negro troops grew, without questioning "the legality or justice of any act of the president in relation to or connected with that affair."

Senator Tillman delivered what the correspondents call a "fiery speech" in reply to Senator Spooner, and made it so hot that the senate deemed it necessary to go into executive session.

Senator Russell A. Alger, who was secretary of war under President McKinley, died of heart failure at Washington, January 24.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The interstate commerce commissioners have at the request of President Roosevelt, prepared a series of principles, which in their opinion should form the basis of any legislation which may be recommended to congress on

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the car shortage question. They are the direct outcome of the situation which has developed from the scarcity of cars throughout the country about which so many complaints have reached the commission and of the appeal made to the president about ten days ago by the executive committee of the national demurrage convention held at Chicago for legislation in behalf of reciprocal demurrage. None of the commissioners would discuss the suggestions to the president, but it is known that among the recommendations discussed were those penalizing the railroads for unnecessary delay in moving loaded cars under certain conditions and some plan for an interchange of cars.

The senate investigating committee will begin taking testimony on the Brownville, Texas, affair February 4.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "After an extended conference at the white house tonight it was decided to reject the bid of Oliver & Bangs who proposed to complete the construction of the Panama canal for 6.75 per cent of the total estimated cost, insofar as Anson N. Bangs of New York City is concerned. While no official statement was given out at the white house, it can be authoritatively stated that if William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn., can enter into a satisfactory arrangement with some other contractor who is financially responsible, he will be given the contract for the construction of the canal. The fact that the McArthur-Gillespie company of New York, whose bid for the construction of the canal was 12.5 per cent were represented at the conference, leads many of the interested parties to believe that a combination may be formed between that firm and Mr. Oliver."

This interesting dispatch was sent out by the Associated Press:

"A long report has been received by Immigration Commissioner Sargent from Commissioner North, at San Francisco, regarding the 434 Japanese immigrants who arrived there on the steamer Korea from Honolulu. It disclosed among other things that a number of the immigrants were those who originally had gone to Hawaii as a result of the work of the immigration societies in Japan in inducing their emigration. When evidence is obtained to the effect that such is the case the immigrants are not allowed to land. Further information bearing on the arrivals on the Korea is awaited by the immigration officers here.

"The dispatch of Commissioner North shows that of the Japanese aboard the ship 160 had left Japan as late as December, and 366 of them had departed from that country for Hawaii during 1906. The commissioner had a careful examination made of seventeen whose cases he thought should be looked into, particularly, and thirteen of them were found to be contract laborers. One hundred and sixty-two of the Japanese said they were going to work for a railroad, but on being pressed to state specifically what road they were unable to say.

"The recent arrivals, the commissioner says, are such as have been guaranteed work in Hawaii from one to three years by the immigration societies in Japan. On their arrival at Honolulu they are met by labor agents from the mainland who offer them higher wages than they were promised and they come to San Francisco."

Senator Hale introduced in the senate a resolution for the purpose of checking naval officers from "lighting a fire under senators and members to

compel the enactment of the naval personnel bill at this session." Mr. Hale says that a combination of naval officers has been formed to bring influence in behalf of this battle upon senators.

Robert L. Taylor was formally elected by the Tennessee legislature to succeed Senator Carmack.

An Associated Press dispatch from Havana follows: "A commission appointed by the government has turned in a report to the effect that Dr. Matias Duque, who is in charge of the hospital for contagious diseases, has probably discovered a cure for leprosy. Two lepers were turned over to the doctors several years ago for experimental purposes and today these persons have no exterior traces of the disease. Dr. Duque's experiments have been along the line of what he terms "the red mangrove tree" treatment. He claims to have discovered this treatment as a result of his study to find a cure for his sister, who suffered from leprosy, and whom he has succeeded in curing.

Former Assemblyman Holman of New Jersey made affidavit, claiming that five years ago he was approached by Thomas Palmer and offered \$5,000 to vote for John F. Dryden for United States senator, and that when he refused the offer was increased to \$10,000. Senator Dryden denies any acquaintance with Palmer, who is now dead. Dryden says no one was authorized to make any such offer for him.

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