

DEBATING THE INCOME TAX.

MR. TELLER OF COLORADO IS FOR THE BILL.

HE LAUDS THE MEASURE HIGHLY.

Sees the Financial Policy of the Administration and Gives It Out That No Currency Bill on the Administration's Lines Can Pass at This Session of Congress—Other Capital News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The senate galleries were well filled to-day in anticipation of a speech by Mr. Gorman on the currency question, in which it was thought he would announce the ideas of the Democratic senators, and because Mr. Quay of Pennsylvania was expected to speak on the income tax. The latter had spread on his desk a roll of manuscript, which looked like one of his formidable and carefully prepared speeches.

When the routine proceedings were out of the way Mr. Cockrell called up the urgent deficiency bill and the presiding officer, Mr. Harris, explained the parliamentary situation coming over from yesterday. Mr. Hill had offered an amendment to the item appropriating funds for collecting the income tax to permit the reference of the question of the legality of the tax to the courts, the chair had ruled out the amendment on a point of order; Mr. Hill had appealed from the decision of the chair and Mr. Morgan moved to lay the appeal on the table. In order to permit senators to further discuss the income tax, Mr. Morgan agreed to withdraw his motion and this postponed a vote on Mr. Hill's appeal.

Mr. Teller of Colorado then addressed the senate in support of the income tax. He pointed to the large treasury deficits, which had been temporarily met by bond issues. The gold supply was down to \$77,000,000, and was rapidly disappearing. Any proposition to do away with the income tax, therefore, should be accompanied by a plan to increase the revenues. He gave it as his opinion that the income tax would become permanent, even though it was limited to five years by the present law. He believed that it was such an equitable tax that the people would insist upon its continuance. Import duties could not be put so high as to entirely keep out goods. And without these high duties there was certain to be a deficit in revenue. It was essential, therefore, that some middle course should be adopted and the income tax was the justest means of taking this course. He spoke of the vain and fruitless efforts of the executive branch of the government "to do something to relieve the present distress of the government and the people." It shows, he said, that the executive branch was in the wrong hands.

Mr. Teller spoke caustically of the "scheme of banking coming from the treasury department." He referred to the current reports that the bill had been read off in fifty minutes to a stenographer. "I wish to show all due respect to this bill," said he, "coming as it does from such high sources, but if such a measure came from any senator or member, if it came from any Populist, it would be branded as the height of lunacy." He declared that the current bill proposed to inaugurate the old era of wild cat paper. It violated every principle of finance in this country or any other. He ridiculed the talk about an "elastic" and "flexible" currency, while banking corporations had charge of the elasticity. "There is about six weeks remaining to this congress," said he. "Now does any person seriously believe that a revision of this vast currency system can be accomplished in that time? Why then is congress and the country stirred by these frantic appeals from the treasury?"

A SET BACK FOR HATCH.

The Oleomargarine Original Package Bill Held Up by Filibustering.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—About twenty members crowded into the area in front of the speaker's rostrum at the opening of the session of the house to-day in the hope of getting bills of local importance through by unanimous consent, but all were unsuccessful. Hatch, chairman of the committee on agriculture, called up a bill to extend the provisions of the Wilson original package liquor law to oleomargarine in original packages, so as to allow states to exercise their police powers over oleomargarine, butterine, imitation butter or imitation cheese imported in original packages as if they had been manufactured in the states where they were consumed. The bill precipitated a discussion regarding the merits of the oleomargarine act and its constitutionality.

Mr. Hatch attempted to have the extra hour, to which the bill would be entitled under the rule when the committee is again called, granted at this time, but his request was refused. He then tried to have the previous question ordered, but filibustering by Mr. Bynum consumed the time till the morning hour expired and the bill went over.

The house then took up the bill to codify the pension laws and it was passed. Shortly before 2 o'clock public business was suspended and eulogies were delivered on the late Representative George B. Shaw of Wisconsin.

Suicide to Avoid Disgrace.

PUEBLO, Col., Jan. 14.—L. M. Ball, awaiting trial for petit larceny, committed suicide in a cell at the county jail last night by hanging himself with a dog chain. He had stolen dry-goods from Nathaniel Dunning, his employer.

ROME'S WARNING.

Bishop Fink Proclaims the Ban on Secret Societies in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 14.—Catholics of Kansas City, Kan., and vicinity will be notified through their pastors, of the ban put upon secret societies recently by Rome. The Rt. Rev. L. M. Fink, bishop of Kansas City, Kan., has made public the following letter, which he has sent to each parish priest:

"Rev. Dear Father send you a certain Roman document concerning three secret societies and their condemnation by the holy see. You will read it from your pulpit, together with this letter, in all the public masses on the Sunday after its receipt and if any of our Catholics have been so unfortunate as to join any of them, you will endeavor to induce them to cheerfully submit to the decision of the Holy See. You will impress on the faithful that anyone who would refuse submission or neglect severing his connection with any of them, will cut himself loose from the church and the use of the sacraments, no matter what his excuse might be. The decision is nothing new or unheard of, but the reassertion of Catholic principles, which a false liberalism intended to stifle. I congratulate our good priests on the firm stand they took in regard to secret societies and our good people on their obedience to their superiors by which they were kept from them, despite examples to the contrary around them. On this occasion you will not fail to warn the faithful not only against the three societies which are specially mentioned in the decision of the holy see, but against all secret and un-Catholic social societies, according to the intention of the Third plenary council at Baltimore, and urge upon them the necessity of establishing Catholic benevolent and social societies, or forming branches of such as have been established elsewhere in order to afford the necessary relief and assistance in sickness and death. The establishment of such societies is especially necessary in city congregations, consisting in great part of mechanics, business men, laborers, etc. The document in question, whose English translation I insert, is addressed to the apostolic delegate, who is ordered to send it to all the bishops in the United States."

To this letter is attached the letter from the pope condemning the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and other secret societies.

The Rt. Rev. Fink's diocese extends about 200 miles into Eastern Kansas and includes most of the important cities of the state.

A PETRIFIED OUTLAW.

The Body of an Old-Time Texas Desperado Turned Into Stone.

WACO, Texas, Jan. 14.—George Renick, who catches fur animals, on his round of his traps on the bank of the Brazos, saw a leg sticking out of the sand and unearthed the petrified body of a man, perfect in every limb and feature, except a gash in the abdomen. He took it to the nearest town when it was recognized as the petrified body of Bill Johnson, a murderer and outlaw, who, after killing five men of the sheriff's posse in 1859, was mortally wounded and afterwards taken from the jail by lynchers and hanged while he was dying. He was shot in the jaw, twice in the breast and in both legs, and the bullet marks are on the petrified body.

TOM CARTER FOR SENATOR.

The Ex-Republican National Chairman Honored by Montana Republicans.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 14.—The Republicans of the legislature in joint caucus nominated ex-Congressman Thomas H. Carter for senator. When the result was announced he was lifted on the shoulders of men and carried triumphantly through the corridors. He is a Catholic and his nomination is a defeat for the P. A. He was chairman of the national Republican committee in the last campaign.

AID ASKED FOR KANSANS.

New York's Mayor Appealed to Assist the People of Ransom.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Mayor Strong has received an appeal from the Rev. E. E. Gunshel, pastor of the Methodist church, and a committee of the Christian Endeavor society of Ransom, Kan., asking for aid for the people of that section who have been unable to raise any crops during the past two years on account of the severe drought. The people are suffering from want of food and clothing.

Honduras Holds Down Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—One article of the new constitution of Honduras, which has just gone into effect, provides that foreigners cannot have recourse to diplomatic intervention except in cases of denial of justice. A judgment or sentence not favorable to the claimant shall not be understood as a denial of justice, and if reclamations are not conducted in a friendly manner and cause damage to the country, the claimants will lose the right to remain in Honduras.

May Yohe Is Lady Hope.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The report that May Yohe, the American burlesque actress, who has been a London favorite for several years, has been married to Lord Francis Hope, brother of the duke of Newcastle, turns out to be correct. The Hamstead parish register shows that they were married there on November 27 last. The register gives Miss Yohe's name as May Augusta Yohe, 25 years of age, spinster. Lord Hope is 32.

The Kaiser and Agriculture.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The Emperor William has ordered detailed reports as to the agricultural depression and the proposed remedies. The funds at the disposal of the minister of agriculture will be increased for this purpose.

Lost With All on Board.

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