

WASHINGTON NOTES

Unseating of Butler—Lottery Case—Czar to Select Referees—Subsidy Bill Sleeping

(Crowded out last week.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1903.—(Special Correspondence.)—Not since the memorable days of the Fifty-first congress and the introduction by the republican majority of the arbitrary tyranny of the Reed rules has party feeling run so high and so ruthless an attempt made to repeat the procedure of riding rough-shod over the minority as was disclosed by the action of the republican majority Thursday.

For the second time in this congress, J. J. Butler, a democratic congressman from a democratic district in St. Louis, has been deprived of his seat in the house for no other reason than that he is a democrat and that a republican could be found in St. Louis so conscienceless as to be willing to accept a stolen seat and to consort with those who had no compunction of conscience in stealing it for him. In November, 1900, Butler was elected by 6,000 majority. He was thrown out by the republicans in the first session of this congress. He was elected in November, 1902, by 7,000 majority to fill a vacancy. Now he is thrown out again, but to accomplish this end, the republicans had to count a quorum. As the quorum was not present in the house at the time of taking the vote to displace Butler, resort was had by the speaker to count members present who were at their homes in the city and some, even, who were not in the city at the time, but were momentarily expected. No such high-handed and unwarranted a proceeding was ever before undertaken and carried out in a legislative body. All efforts made by the democrats to secure a vote was denied by the speaker, democratic members were not allowed to address the house and the previous question was ordered to cut off all debate. To this summary proceeding was added the action of the committee on rules in bringing in a rule to recess until final adjournment by continuing the legislative day of Thursday and also to shut off all debate on appropriation bills remaining to be passed and deny the right of amendment. Appeals from the decision of the speaker were made but the speaker refused to entertain any appeal.

Under this drastic rule fire appropriation bills were taken up and passed yesterday without consideration of any sort. The action of the house has set a very bad example of one-man rule and one that may arise to confound the perpetrators in a later day. The Congressional Record shows that on the day Butler was unseated there was not a quorum of the members present for the transaction of business and that no business could legally be done. Outside of the most rabidly partisan republican circles the action of the

house majority is characterized as revolutionary and subversive of free government.

Messrs. Richardson of Tennessee, Williams of Illinois, Underwood of Alabama and DeArmond of Missouri denounced the majority in unmeasured terms for its brutal disregard of justice.

The decision of the United States supreme court in the Champion lottery case, taken in conjunction with the law as laid down by Judge Grosscup of Chicago in the beet trust case, is taken by some to construe that a new era will be marked in the relation of the government to corporations.

Judge Grosscup's decision was that the beef barons had formed a combination in restraint of trade, and that they were engaged in interstate commerce by virtue of doing business in a number of states. The United States supreme court decided Monday in the Champion lottery case that congress had all power to control interstate commerce as such, and to say when such commerce should be prohibited.

It is conceded that the administration has been furnished an effective weapon if it chooses to use it, but it will be recalled that Knox, a trust attorney and stockholder, is attorney general.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden today announced that the two-cent postage stamp of the series is generally unsatisfactory in appearance both to the postoffice department and the bureau of engraving and printing, and a new design for this stamp has been ordered.

The issuance of the present stamp will be continued until the new design is out.

While the Littlefield anti-trust bill passed the house by a unanimous vote and the sentiment of the country seems to favor legislation to curb the trusts, the United States senate yesterday refused to consider this bill in any form, although it had been favorably reported from the committee. Twenty-eight democrats voted to consider and the 38 republicans present voted nay. Therefore the failure of this congress to enact any legislation against the trusts is complete, and the people are at fault for having continued in power a party bound hand and foot to the interests of the trusts.

The belief is prevalent that there will be an extra session of the senate, to consider the Cuban and Panama canal treaties. Senator Morgan has given notice of his intention to defeat the canal treaty, if possible, and has refused all overtures to consent to a time to take a vote. He complained that he had received unfair treatment and proposed to retaliate.

The senate passed a bill yesterday to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Rosebud Indians in South Dakota for the cession of certain lands.

Yesterday the president sent a special message to the senate asking for the passage of a relief measure for the Filipinos. This proceeding is considered in the light of travesty in view of the fact that but three months ago the president sent a message to congress in which he spoke of the extreme well-being of the inhabitants of those islands under our form of colonial government.

Statistics just issued by the government show that since the beginning of our war with Spain we have spent a trifle over \$700,000,000 for war purposes—the most tremendous expense account of this sort ever known considering the character of the war. Those who contend that this was used for Christianity's sake, or for the sake of trade, or for the sake of asserting sovereignty and extending the circle of world-power influence will hardly be able to realize out of either or all of these conditions a recompense for the blood and treasure wasted.

A very delicate compliment has been paid the czar of Russia, author and instigator of The Hague tribunal, by the handing to the representatives of Germany, England and Italy of a protocol providing that the czar shall select three members of the court of arbitration to decide the question of preferential treatment of the Venezuelan claims. The suggestion was made by Mr. Bowen, Venezuela's representative, and accepted by this government. It is believed the czar will accept, and the action will do much to cement the strong friendship between this nation and Russia which, besides France, is the only friend we have among the nations of the old world, and which proved their friendship on two separate occasions when our national life was threatened.

The house has passed the Philippine currency bill, but struck out an amendment providing for an international monetary conference.

Hearings conducted by Senator Carmack in the Philippines committee are bringing to light more of the results of imperialism in the islands. According to the New York Evening Post, another American teacher in the Phil-

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ippines has discovered, after "careful study and close observation of the Tagalogs," that they are "extremely ungrateful." This is Mr. R. D. Epps, of South Carolina, and his letter home is rightly described as "in a gloomy vein." Everything in the Philippines is going to the dogs. To begin with, "there are so many disreputable Americans in these islands." This close observer declares that "there are thousands of American men living there with the lowest class of outcasts. These men are government employes, soldiers, discharged soldiers, deserters, ex-volunteer officers, etc." Many of them are legally married to native women, "only to leave them when they wish to get back to America." As for the Filipino women of the better class, they "look down upon many forms of vice that are winked at by Americans." Mr. Epps adds that lower-class women are "scattered all over these islands who have been basely deceived and deserted by American husbands." After this, we can understand the sorrow and indignation with which he tells us that the Filipinos are "ungrateful." To be thankless when you have been robbed and outraged is, indeed, a very serpent's tooth of ingratitude.

One of the most reprehensible actions of this republican congress is the voting away of \$1,500,000 to the Pennsylvania railroad company and the same amount to the Baltimore & Ohio for the purposes of building a union station in this city. The Nebraska fusion members opposed this grant to the railroads, but the republicans lined up solidly as is customary.

Senator Dubois read Washington's farewell address in the senate Monday, such reading being an annual custom.

The new department of commerce and labor, under Secretary Cortel you, is expected to employ about 1,300 people by July 1. An appropriation of \$7,000,000 for a building has been asked for.

The reports of the militia from various states show an aggregate of 118,259 commissioned officers and enlisted men organized, with at least 10,853,396 men on whom the country can call in an emergency and not belonging to any military organization.

Prominent republicans from twenty-eight states have united in asking President Roosevelt to appoint Dave Mercer to a federal position.

While the sundry civil appropriation bill was under discussion in the senate Monday several senators criticised the practice of chief executives to name senators as members of commission to negotiate treaties, etc., claiming that it tended to prejudice the performance of duty to the people they represent.

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INCOME		
Premiums.....	\$ 794,913.40	
All other sources.....	229,654.92	
Total.....		1,024,568.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
Paid policy holders.....	422,709.42	
All other payments.....	413,647.75	
Total.....		866,357.17
Admitted assets.....		2,082,613.10
LIABILITIES		
Net reserve.....	1,388,911.50	
Net policy claims and matured installment policies not yet due.....	101,126.43	
All other liabilities.....	88,222.10	1,578,260.03
Capital stock paid up.....	500,000.00	
Surplus beyond capital stock and other liabilities.....	4,353.07	504,353.07
Total.....		\$ 2,082,613.10

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