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LONG SENATE DEBATE

MEMBERS TALK FOR SIX HOURS ON POSTAL BANKS.

Cummins' Amendment to the Smoot Amendment, Limiting to Times of War Withdrawal of Funds from Banks, the Subject of Discussion.

Washington, D. C.: After laboring Friday for almost six hours in an atmosphere surcharged with the electricity generated by sharp conflict of opinion, the senate again failed to reach a vote on the postal savings bill and once more took a recess until the following day.

When the recess was taken Senator Carter stated seven or eight senators had expressions yet to be delivered and he did not want to guess how many other speeches these might provoke.

Not during the several weeks that the postal bill has been before the senate has there been a day of debate approaching in any degree the proceedings of Friday. Beginning at 11:30 o'clock the flow of oratory continued without interruption until after 5 o'clock, when in utter despair of reaching the end Senator Carter moved a recess until 11:45 a. m. Saturday.

During the day there were speeches by Senators Root, Carter, Cummins, Rayner, Clapp, Borah, Clay, Newlands and a number of others, representing almost as many views as there were speakers.

The Cummins amendment to the Smoot amendment, limiting to times of war the exigencies in which the postal funds may be withdrawn from the banks in which they are deposited, was the technical subject of discussion during the entire sitting, and during that time there were many rather acrid exchanges of views.

Senator Root dwelt especially upon the necessity of protecting the credit of the country, and he appealed strongly to the patriotism of senators in that interest.

Senator Carter strongly seconded this appeal and drew even a more vivid picture of the possibility of an unexpected national need for the funds than was presented by the New York senator.

MRS ASTOR GIVEN DIVORCE.

Leader in Society No Longer Wife of Noted Millionaire.

New York: The interlocutory decree of divorce of Mrs. Ava Willing Astor from her husband, Col. John Jacob Astor, was made final Friday in Justice Mills' court in White Plains. Neither of the parties to the suit appeared in court. Mrs. Astor is now in Europe.

After the decree was signed, Mrs. Astor's counsel hurried to catch a train, leaving an inquiring crowd of reporters on a vain quest to obtain information concerning the alimony settlement, and the disposition of the two Astor children. Report has it that Mrs. Astor will receive \$50,000 a year alimony. Mrs. Astor brought suit against Col. Astor last year for a divorce on statutory grounds.

RUSSIAN VESSEL ABANDONED.

'Steamer Korea, Buffeted by Storm, is Left by Sailors.

New York: The Russian steamer Korea, buffeted by storms on the North Atlantic, and pounded into helplessness by heavy seas, was abandoned by her crew on March 1 and left to her fate. She was sinking fast when her men abandoned her.

The Korea's crew of 48 men were taken off by the Anchor line steamer Caledonia and are on their way here.

News of the disaster to the Korea was flashed here Friday in a wireless message from the Caledonia, off Cape Race, N. F. The rescue was effected at a point about 1,300 miles east northeast from Cape Race.

Record Price at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O.: The highest price ever recorded for hogs in the local market was reached Wednesday when they were quoted at \$10.10. Pork tendorloin has advanced to 32 cents a pound in the retail market.

Freight Train Struck.

Woonsocket, O.: The Pennsylvania special, due in Chicago at 8:55 a. m., sidetracked a freight six miles east of here early Friday while traveling at the rate of 50 miles an hour. No one was injured.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.50. Top hogs, \$9.75.

Russia Rejects Plan.

Peking: The Russian government in a formal note submitted to the Chinese foreign board rejects in toto China's proposal for the construction of the Aigun and Chinchow road.

Bank Teller Jailed.

Boston: John H. Cullen, teller in the Union Institution for Savings, was arrested at his home in Dorchester Friday, charged with the shortage of the bank.

NEW GRAFT WAR IN PITTSBURG.

Civic League Crusade Expected to Reach Host of Officials.

Pittsburg, Pa.: That this city is on the eve of another big councilmanic graft and gambling expose was admitted Wednesday by members of the Civic league. It is expected that over fifty informations charging graft and bribery will be instituted within a few days.

The Civic league, at its request, has received from Chicago a copy of the resolution creating the Merriam commission and the investigation here will be modeled after that under way in Chicago.

The expose, it is stated, will be the greatest that has ever occurred in this country and will include council men, city officials, and outsiders, known as "fixers," who have been successful in opening gambling clubs.

For several weeks Detective Robert Wilson and his assistants have been quietly at work under the direction of Secretary Allen T. Burns, of the Civic league securing evidence. Secretary Burns predicts that over a score of politicians and men higher up will be sent to the penitentiary. The general plan is to clean up the entire city, which since a wide open town was declared under Mayor William A. Magee, is said to be about the worst in the country.

One employe was discovered who admits that he paid \$60 to a man higher up for a city job, and he also gave the names of half a dozen others who had been similarly imposed upon.

MINIMUM TARIFF RATES.

Danger of Trouble with Austria-Hungary Are Avoided.

Washington, D. C.: A proclamation granting to Austria-Hungary the minimum rates under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law has been signed by Secretary of State Knox and presented to the president for his signature.

Next to France, Austria-Hungary presented the most formidable obstacles in the way of tariff adjustment, but it has accepted the demands of the United States, and as a consequence obtained the minimum rates.

The president Wednesday signed proclamations declaring that thirty-six countries and colonies were entitled to the minimum rates. The list comprises the Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Gibraltar, Sokotra, Seychelles Islands, St. Helena, Ascension Island, Falkland Islands, British New Guinea, British North Borneo, Ceylon, Korea, British Honduras, Congo, Santo Domingo, Mauritius, British east Africa, Zanzibar and Pemba, Costa Rica, Honduras, Cyprus, Tripoli, Dutch East Indies, British Somaliland, Togoland, Kamerun, German southwest Africa, German east Africa, Klau Chow, Kaiser Wilhelmland, Samoan Islands, the Bismarck archipelago, Solomon Islands, Caroline Islands, Marianne, and Ladrones, with the exception of Guam and the Marshall Islands.

GOTHAM POLICE JUDGE GUILTY.

Brooklyn Man Faces a Long Prison Term for Accepting Bribe.

New York: Henry J. Furlong, a Brooklyn police magistrate, was found guilty by a jury of accepting a bribe in the performance of his duties in court.

The specific charge was that he had accepted \$16.66. The maximum penalty is ten years in prison and a fine of \$5,000, or both, and the minimum five years in prison with no fine. He was remanded to jail for sentence on Friday.

The jury recommended mercy. The foreman wept as he pronounced the verdict. Furlong is 49 years old and had been prominent in Brooklyn politics.

After the jury had returned its verdict the district attorney announced that he had received letters charging two Manhattan and one other Brooklyn magistrate with a like offense. No names were mentioned, but an investigation is to be started. The Furlong bribery charges grew out of his participation in selling ball bonds.

Quarrel Ends in Death.

Memphis, Tenn.: As a result of a quarrel between A. L. Redmond, a prominent dairyman of this city, and his wife, late Thursday, Redmond was shot to death by Allen Webb, an employe, when Webb interfered in behalf of the wife. Redmond shot at Webb twice before receiving his death wound.

Jefferson Davis' Servant Dead.

San Antonio, Tex.: Gordon Davis, born a slave to Jefferson Davis' family and Jefferson Davis' servant, is dead at his home in South Boerne. During the civil war he was taken by union soldiers and made a corporal in the union army.

Manilla Strike Over.

Manilla: The strike inaugurated by the crews of the Inter-Island steamers, ended Thursday when the men agreed to return to work for the present at their old wages, but with the understanding that certain demands would be made later.

Two Stores Robbed.

Colconda, Ill.: The stores of W. H. Carr and W. S. Catson were robbed recently. A safe was cracked in one and a sum of money secured. Bloodhounds from Harrisburg were put on the trail.

Man Killed by Train.

Bloomington, Ill.: George Fritzen, a farmer of El Paso, was killed by a train while walking on the railroad near that place. He was deaf and dumb.

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VICTORY FOR GRAIN MEN.

Win Their Fight with Interstate Commerce Commission.

Kansas City, Mo.: In a decision handed down here Thursday the United States circuit court permanently enjoined the interstate commerce commission from enforcing an order prohibiting railroads and other carriers from allowing compensation to owners and operators of elevators for elevation and transfer of grain in transit. The decision was given by Judge Swineburn and was concurred in by Judges Hook and Adams.

The injunction suit was filed in St. Louis by the Peavey Elevator company, which was supported in its petition by the boards of trade of Kansas City, Omaha and other cities in the middle west.

The interstate commerce commission issued the order prohibiting the owners of elevators from receiving compensation for the elevation and transfer of grain in transit on the theory that such action amounted to a rebate.

The order had, it was alleged, been most detrimental to the business of the elevators, the total value of which is millions of dollars.

The decision says that "the order of the interstate commerce commission which prohibits the allowance of payment by carriers of all compensation to owners and operators of elevators for the elevation and transfer of grain in transit is beyond the delegated powers of the commission."

SHALLENGER REMITS FINE.

Governor, on Appeal from Residents of Orleans, Helps Harlan Man.

The \$500 fine imposed on John A. Lather, of Harlan county on a charge of selling a malt beverage has been remitted by Gov. Shallenberger.

The action of the governor was the result of an appeal for a pardon signed by eighty residents of Orleans and the surrounding country, where Lather operated.

Luther conducted a restaurant and sold the malt beverage open and above board and had no thought of a violation of the law. The county attorney refused to file complaint against him, though he agreed to assist the Anti-Saloon league detective, who secured the evidence.

The case was taken to the supreme court and Judge Barnes and Judge Letton dissented from the decision of the majority of the court, which affirmed that conviction. These two judges said that for 25 years the court had held that it was necessary for the plaintiff to prove that the beverage was intoxicating before a conviction could be had.

Inasmuch as the man was unable to pay the fine and under the circumstances of his conviction the governor decided to remit the fine. The condition imposed was that the man should pay the court costs within thirty days.

RECORD SEASON OF BUILDING.

New Hotel at Hastings to Cost \$100,000—Other Buildings.

Building operations in Hastings will be conducted on an extensive scale during the present year. A large amount of structural work is already planned or under way and there is prospect of much more being started in the spring. Probably the amount of money expended there for building this year will exceed that of any like period for the last decade.

The new hotel, which will cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000, is practically a certainty. Over \$50,000 has been raised by popular subscription and it is believed the remainder will soon be forthcoming. The Blackman & Fuller wholesale grocery firm has arranged for the construction of a large warehouse. Stephen Schultz will erect a building for the farm implement and automobile business and the Hastings Foundry and Iron Works is building an establishment, which when equipped, will represent an investment of approximately \$100,000.

The Masons of Hastings will spend about \$20,000 for reconstructing and refurbishing the local temple. The Dominican sisters of the Catholic church will spend about \$15,000 to complete the repair and improvement of their academy building. This structure, built many years ago at a cost of about \$80,000, was purchased last year by the citizens of Hastings for \$8,000 and transferred to the sisters. The sisters spent \$10,000 to make a little less than half of the building serviceable, and they are now planning to reclaim the entire structure.

NEW THEATER AT OMAHA.

Brandeis Opens to Standing Room Only Last Night.

The Brandeis theater, Omaha's newest playhouse, had its opening performance Thursday night when Charles Frohman presented "Arsene Lupin" to an audience which completely filled the house. The theater is one of the handsomest in the west, and aside from being entirely fireproof is a model of elegance in decoration and modern convenience.

The evening's performance was preceded with brief addresses by Mayor Dahlman and Arthur Brandeis. The audience was in full dress and the illuminations and decorations were heightened by the brilliancy of several hundred of Omaha's best gowned women.

The theater is under the management of Woodward & Burgess, who also have theaters in Kansas City, Sioux City and other western cities.

ABSENT THREE YEARS.

John Wyman Returned After Being Given Up as Dead.

John Wyman, of Seward, after an absence from his home of three years, during which time his family gave him up as dead, has returned, and was given a joyous reception by his wife and two daughters. In March, 1907, Wyman left his home, which was then on a farm near Milford, saying that he was going to Utica to purchase a horse. This was the last seen of him by his family. During his absence his wife and children left their home near Milford and took up their residence at Seward.

When asked if he had had any particular reason for leaving his family as he did, Mr. Wyman said that he had but the nature of it he would not divulge. Asked where he had spent the time he answered that he had "been close around," but would say nothing definite.

FIVE YEARS PAST CENTURY.

John Moxley of Kearney, 105 Years Old, Dies at Hastings Asylum.

Word has been received in Kearney telling of the death of James Moxley at the insane asylum at Hastings. Mr. Moxley formerly resided with his daughter in Hastings and was 105 years of age. He was born in Cork county, Ireland, and came to this country when a young man, settling at Apple River, Ill. In his younger days he worked as a grading contractor and helped to build such railroads as the Chicago & Alton, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Northwestern and Illinois Central. Up until the last six months he has been in perfect health, but his mind failed him and he was placed in the institution where he died. At 103 years he shaved himself, at 100 he was tending a fair sized garden.

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News of the Week

Nebraska State News

In Concise Form

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Chicago trade says:

"Some irregularity in operations is due to the holiday this week, severe storms in the west and hindrances to transportation, but there is sustained activity among the heavy producers and easier monetary conditions are reflected by increasing bank deposits and a lower record of trading defaults, the latter indicating an improved position of credits over recent reports.

"Prospects of better weather bring relief after the long winter to various interests and new demands in manufacturing and distribution become more varied, although the developments include none of striking importance as to contracts for future execution.

"Price tendencies for factory supplies to some extent are seen to be easier, and this encourages more attention to plans for construction and railroad needs. There is, however, some conservatism where large financial commitments are involved and a more pronounced disposition to economize costs of production. Outputs of factories in the Chicago district steadily rise and this causes notable forwarding and an ample movement of raw and finished products.

"Bank clearings, \$255,381,166, are 9.5 per cent over those of the corresponding week in 1909 and compare with \$259,168,343 in 1908.

"Failures reported in the Chicago district number 21, as against 19 last week, 24 in 1909 and 25 in 1908. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 4, as against 5 last week, 6 in 1909 and 14 in 1908."

NEW YORK.

Trade reports are rather more irregular. Stormy, cold weather over wide areas of country apparently has retarded the expansion of the spring jobbing trade, but nevertheless the distribution has kept up well, in advance of last year in fact, and distinct gains in the volume of house trade are reported at many points. Retail trade has been restricted and this in turn operates against re-order trade in spring goods with jobbers. Industries continue active, but there is rather more evidence of friction in some lines, particularly in railroad labor.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with Feb. 24 were 254, as against 269 last week, 244 in the corresponding week of 1909, 311 in 1908, 194 in 1907 and 180 in 1906.—Bradstreet's.

MARKET OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$5.10; hogs, prime heavy; \$7.00 to \$10.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$7.80; wheat, No. 2, \$1.22 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2, 6c to 6c; oats, standard, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 2, 7c to 8c; hay, timothy, \$10.00 to \$12.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$15.00; butter, choice creamery, 28c to 30c; eggs, fresh, 19c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 35c to 45c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$7.00 to \$10.00; sheep, good to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 1, \$1.19 to \$1.21; corn, No. 2 white, 6c to 6c; oats, No. 2 white, 4c to 4c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.10; hogs, \$7.00 to \$10.00; sheep, \$3.50 to \$7.40; wheat, No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2, 6c to 6c; oats, No. 2, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 2, 7c to 8c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.75; hogs, \$7.00 to \$9.90; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2 mixed, 6c to 6c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 2, 8c to 8c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, \$7.00 to \$9.80; sheep, \$3.50 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.24; corn, No. 3 yellow, 6c to 6c; oats, standard, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 1, 8c to 8c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.14 to \$1.17; corn, No. 3, 6c to 6c; oats, standard, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 1, 7c to 8c; barley, standard, 7c to 7c; pork, mess, \$25.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, fair to choice, \$8.00 to \$10.25; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$7.40; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$9.25.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.80; hogs, \$8.00 to \$10.00; sheep, \$4.00 to \$6.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.28 to \$1.30; corn, No. 2, 6c to 6c; oats, natural, white, 5c to 5c; butter, creamery, 29c to 32c; eggs, western, 20c to 23c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.23 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2 mixed, 6c to 6c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 4c to 4c; rye, No. 2, 8c to 8c; clover seed, \$7.25.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

A small tornado, which passed over the country about Griffin, Fla., unroofed several houses and slightly injured a number of persons.

M. E. Ingalls, former president of the Big Four road and a prominent Cincinnati banker, suffered a stroke of paralysis at Hot Springs, Va.

A bill to make the breaking of campaign pledges by elected candidates a penal offense was introduced in the Kentucky Senate by Senator J. J. Watkins.

CHARGED WITH STEALING COBB.

The case in the district court at Kearney of the state of Nebraska against John Doe, a young man accused of breaking into the Palmer hotel at Ravenna and stealing a hair brush and comb, was dismissed. The evidence submitted was too circumstantial to secure conviction.

FIREMAN HURLED FROM TRAIN.

R. L. Pardue, fireman on an extra Burlington freight passing through Yutan, while under a delusion jumped from the moving train, badly spraining one ankle and sustaining a couple of deep gashes on his leg and one on his cheek.

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Mrs. Susanna S. Fentress, who was the oldest person in Polk county, died at Osceola Tuesday at the age of 93 years and 3 months. Her death occurred on the anniversary of that of her husband sixteen years ago.

Fremont Digs Up Cash.

Fremont has the money in sight for a ball team and Manager Gilbert Palmer telephoned President Sievers of the State league, that the outfit of \$500 would be furnished in a few days.

City Hall Bonds Carry.

Fifteen thousand dollar bonds for the new city hall were carried at Columbus Tuesday at a special election by a vote of 698 for to 78 against.