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HOUSE PASSES ARMY BILL

Reorganization Plan Has 33 Votes to Spare.

FOES OF THE CANTEEN WIN.

Amendment Tacked on the Bill Absolutely Prohibiting Sale of Intoxicants at Military Posts. Three Democrats Vote With the Republicans for the Bill.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house of representatives yesterday, at the end of a long sitting, passed the army reorganization bill by a vote of 164 to 134. Three Democrats, Messrs. Hall (Pa.) and Underhill and Clayton (N. Y.), voted with the Republicans for the bill, and McCall (Rep., Mass.) with the Democrats against it. Otherwise it was a strict party vote. The proposition which some of the Democrats attempted to commit their side to in caucus, an extension of the present temporary army until July 1, 1903, which was voted upon indirectly on a motion to recommit, commanded the votes of only about half the opposition and two Republicans, McCall and Mann. Many of the Democrats, however, voted against the motion because they were opposed not only to the reorganization bill, but also to continuing the temporary army at its present strength.

Quite a number of amendments were placed on the bill before it was passed. The liveliest fight was made on a substitute, made by Littlefield (Me.), for the canteen section. The substitute absolutely prohibited the sale of intoxicants at military posts. It was supported by Littlefield, Grosvenor (Rep., O.), Dick (Rep., O.) and Hay (Dem., Va.) and opposed by Slayden (Dem., Tex.), Fitzgerald (Dem., Mass.), Pearce (Rep., Mo.), Parker (Rep., N. J.) and Bartholdt (Rep., Mo.). Large delegations from the W. C. T. U., which is in session in this city, watched the fight from the galleries. When the vote was taken the prohibiting amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority—159 to 51. Bartholdt attempted to secure a record vote in the house, but the peculiar parliamentary status shut him out. The sections designed to retire General Shafter as a major general and Generals Fitzhugh Lee and James H. Wilson as brigadier generals were stricken out. Among the amendments adopted were those providing for 50 volunteer surgeons and 150 assistant surgeons for service in the Philippines, for 30 dental surgeons and for a veterinary corps with actual rank. The officers of the pay corps were increased 11, and of the signal corps 32. The age limit was removed from volunteer officers eligible to appointment for first and second lieutenants and the provisions for retiring officers who served in the civil war as of the next higher grade was stricken out.

CONSIDER REVENUE BILL.

Ways and Means Committee Votes to Report Measure as Previously Framed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The ways and means committee met in special session yesterday to consider the bill reducing the war revenue taxes to the extent of about \$40,000,000, as previously framed by the Republican members of the committee and introduced by Chairman Payne. There was an unusually large attendance for an early meeting, there being but two absentees. Payne laid the bill before the committee and consideration of its details at once began. When the beer section was reached, fixing the rebate at 20 per cent instead of 7 1/2 per cent, which makes the rate \$1.60 per barrel, Representative Richardson, the ranking minority member, moved a further reduction of all the increase made by the war revenue act. The effect of this motion, if carried, would have been to make the rate \$1 per barrel. The motion was defeated by a party vote.

The consideration by sections proceeded, the bill being preserved in the main as framed by the Republicans. The committee finally voted to report the bill, as introduced, with an amendment making the act take effect on its passage instead of 30 days thereafter. All substitutes and amendments by the minority were defeated—6 to 9.

TREATY HELD AS A CLUB.

Passage of Canal Bill Depends Upon Its Ratification.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate was in executive session for more than four hours yesterday, the entire time being devoted to the discussion by Senator Morgan of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the abrogation of the portion of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty which relates to the Nicaraguan canal. The senator made it very plain in the course of his remarks that, while he was opposed to the pending treaty in almost any form, his principal, if not his only concern, in that connection, is for the passage of the canal bill, and he allowed it to be very broadly understood that he had engaged in the treaty discussion because of his conviction that there were a majority of senators who would insist upon action upon the treaty as a condition precedent to the passage of the canal bill. For this reason, he said, he was willing to discuss the treaty.

AFRICANDER CONGRESS.

Guns Trained on the Six Thousand Dutchmen in Attendance.

Worcester, Cape Colony, Dec. 7.—About 6,000 Dutchmen assembled in the open air at the Gum Tree plantation, on the edge of the town, to take part in the Afrikaner congress. Horsemen from a radius of 60 miles had been riding in all night.

S. C. Cronright-Schreiner made a speech, in which he attacked Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner and governor of Cape Colony, saying that there would be no peace while he was governor.

J. W. Sauer, the former commissioner of public works, is expected to speak and guide the congress' conclusions, among which will be to select a large deputation to visit Sir Alfred Milner and urge him to advise a cessation of hostilities and give autonomy to the republic.

More troops have arrived here. Some 1,500 Canadians and Australians are camped around the town and ten guns are in position on the adjoining hills.

RUSSIANS TO STAY.

Czar Will Keep His Chinese Army Intact for the Present—Peace Negotiations Not Yet Opened.

London, Dec. 7.—Negotiations for the peace settlement have not yet been opened, says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring yesterday, the French, German and Japanese ministers are awaiting instruction and Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang are awaiting a more satisfactory edict. The impression is growing among men of all nationalities that peace is impossible, that a resumption of the campaign in the spring is inevitable, and that partition is the only solution. Two American missionaries complain that the Germans at Cho Chou loot converts equally with other Chinese.

The Daily News publishes the following from Nagasaki, dated Dec. 4: "The order to send 5,000 Russian troops back to Odessa has been countermanded. They will remain in the east until further orders."

BOERS ATTACK CONVOY.

Delarey's Force Driven Off With Considerable Loss—Knox in Pursuit.

London, Dec. 7.—The war office has received a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Bloemfontein Dec. 6, announcing that General Delarey, with 500 Boers, attacked a convoy proceeding from Pretoria to Rustenburg at Buffelspoort, burned half the convoy and killed 15 men and wounded 23, including Lieutenant Baker. The Boers, the dispatch adds, suffered considerable loss, some of them being killed with case shot at 50 yards. Guns and assistance were sent from Rustenburg and the Boers were driven off.

The advices also say General Dewet crossed the Caledon Dec. 5 at Kareepond drift, making for Odendahl. General Knox was following him, the drift was held by a detachment of the Guards and the river was flooded.

HASTINGS CITIZEN KILLED.

F. L. Knapp, a Grain Buyer, is Struck by Burlington Flyer in the Yards.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 7.—F. L. Knapp, one of Hastings' prominent grain buyers, was killed yesterday by a west-bound Burlington flyer. Mr. Knapp was walking south close to the Burlington tracks and being somewhat deaf he did not hear the incoming passenger train until within the yards. Acting on an impulse to move forward he attempted to clear the track, but was struck by the engine and tossed high in the air, alighting on the top of a boxcar. He died almost instantly.

STEER SOLD FOR \$2,145.

Record Price Brought by a Carload of Cattle at Stock Show.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—One hundred dollars apiece for steaks and \$10 a pound for roast beef was paid at the fat stock show yesterday, when Schwartzchild & Sulzberger of New York bought D. R. Pierce's Aberdeen Angus steer Advance for \$150 a pound. This was paid for beef on the hoof, and as the steer tipped the scale at 1,430 pounds the price was \$2,145.

Another important sale of the day was a carload of 15 Angus cattle, bred by W. H. Kerriek of Bloomington. These cattle brought \$3,400, or at the rate of 15 1/2 cents per pound. This is the highest price ever paid for a carload of cattle. A. Weber of Kansas City was the purchaser.

In spite of the inclement weather last night the evening parade of prize winners took place before a large audience.

Report of an Electric Railway.

Hastings, Ia., Dec. 7.—A letter was received here from C. M. Searies of New York, stating that he had just returned from floating bonds for the purpose of building a new electric railroad from Council Bluffs, Ia., to Sidney, Ia. The road will be 40 miles long and will probably strike from Sidney, Thurman, Tabor, Glenwood to Council Bluffs, following the public highway. The intention is to make the road for freight as well as passengers and eventually to haul stock into South Omaha.

Surgeon at Work on Pope.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The Messagero yesterday said Dr. Mazzoni, the physician, performed a slight operation on a tumor underneath the pontiff's arm.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Many Unions Represented at Louisville Convention.

FAST GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

President Gompers' Annual Address Reviews Work of the Federation—Attendance is the Largest in Its History—Delegates Present from Great Britain.

Louisville, Dec. 7.—Today finds the American Federation of Labor disposing of the business before it, yesterday's opening session having been devoted to welcoming addresses, reports, etc. The attendance is the largest in the history of the federation. Prominent among the delegates are three women representatives, Miss Sarah Groshans of Streator, Ills., Mrs. Emma Langphere of Galesburg, Ills., and Mrs. Ellen King of Petersburg, Ind. Each represents a labor organization. They mingled with the crowd and took an active interest in the proceedings.

Among those on the stage were Samuel Weir, the delegate from Scotland and Peter Curran, representing the British Trades Union congress.

There are two protests against the seating of delegates, the first by the National Brewers' union, filed against the Stationary Firemen and Engineers' Brotherhood, and by the United Garment Makers' union, against the Chicago Central Labor union. The contests are on questions of jurisdiction. Evidence will be heard by the committee on credentials and a report made to the convention.

President Gompers in his annual address reviewed the work of the federation and said that the last year had witnessed almost remarkable growth in organization among workers.

OPERATORS STRIKE.

All of Them Are Out on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Road.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 7.—The telegraphers belonging to the Order of Railway Telegraphers on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad, extending from Galveston to Purcell, I. T., left their desks at 11 a. m. yesterday. Passenger trains are being operated on running orders from junction points and through freights are also being handled, although there is considerable delay. The strike has been expected for some time. A committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers went to Galveston to hold a conference with General Manager Polk, to whom they had presented their grievances. The latter was in communication with President Ripley and it is said by the men that the latter official refused to yield on every point, that of ten consecutive hours of rest for the operators. The operators say they expect to gain the active co-operation of other railroad organizations.

RICH STRIKE IN ALASKA.

Thirty-four Thousand Dollars Taken from a Piece of Ground 16 Feet Square.

Tacoma, Dec. 7.—The richest gold discovery since the Klondike was found in reported from Yellow river, a tributary of the Kusokwim, 300 miles from Holy Cross mission, on the Yukon. The discovery was made last summer by a bunch of daring prospectors. The details regarding it were told at St. Michaels in November to R. M. Morrissey, who had reached Skagway, en route to Dawson. On arriving there he will leave at once for the new diggings, having before him a journey of 2,100 miles from Skagway over the ice. Morrissey says his news was received from two Swedes who came to St. Michaels for citizenship papers, bringing with them \$34,000 in gold, which came from a piece of ground only 16 feet square, with a depth of two feet to bed rock. They prospected three miles of the river and found rich prospects everywhere.

Fate of Nine Sailors.

London, Dec. 7.—There seems to be now no doubt of the fate of the nine members of the crew of the steamer Rossgull, wrecked off the Jersey coast Dec. 5, and who left the steamer in an open boat. Several bodies have been washed ashore near where the Rossgull was wrecked. The missing boat load of seven bluejackets from a torpedo boat destroyer, who were thought to have been lost in Dover harbor during the storm, was picked up by a Ramsgate fishing smack and the men have been landed in safety.

Sheriffs Ask Bigger Fees.

Des Moines, Dec. 7.—The sheriffs of counties in Iowa, at their annual meeting yesterday, passed a resolution demanding of the legislature at its next meeting an amendment to the laws relating to sheriff's fees and raising the mileage fee for serving papers from five cents a mile to 10 cents. The resolution brought out a lively discussion among the members as to the propriety of making this demand, but they were all of the opinion that something must be done to increase the compensation of the office.

Little Doing in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate yesterday transacted no business of importance in open session. Throughout almost the entire afternoon it was in executive session. The ship subsidy bill, therefore, received no consideration.

HOW TOWNE WILL VOTE.

Will Oppose Ship Subsidy Bill, but Assist Army Measure.

St. Paul, Dec. 7.—Former Congressman Charles A. Towne of Duluth arrived here yesterday and at once called on Governor Lind. He formally accepted the appointment to the United States senate for the vacancy caused by the death of Cushman K. Davis, received his commission immediately and left at once for Washington to take the seat, which he will hold until the legislature, which is overwhelmingly Republican, elects a senator to his place. Before leaving he said that his time of service would, of course, be short, but he might have to vote on some important measures. He considers the ship subsidy bill a bad one and is against it. His position on the standing army is that the people have voted to put down the war in the Philippines and he will vote to give army enough to do that, but not for an increase for any further purpose. He does not expect to participate in debate at all during his short term.

CLEMENCY FOR EAGAN.

Suspended Commissary General is Restored to Duty and Then Placed on Retired List.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Brigadier General Charles P. Eagan, commissary general of subsistence, who has been under suspension since Feb. 9, 1899, by sentence of court martial, for alleged intemperate and abusive language concerning Lieutenant General Miles, in connection with the army beef investigation, was restored to duty yesterday and was afterwards placed on the retired list of the army.

The vacancy thus created will enable the president to carry out his purpose of appointing Colonel John F. Weston, assistant commissary general of subsistence, to be commissary general. Colonel Weston's nomination will be sent to the senate in a day or two. General Weston is one of the most popular officers in the army and has had a long and creditable military career. He served with distinction in a Kentucky regiment of the volunteer army during the civil war and was mustered out as a major. During the Spanish war he was made a brigadier general of volunteers and served with distinction in the Santiago campaign. He has been acting commissary general of subsistence ever since the suspension of General Eagan, nearly two years ago, but has drawn only the pay of colonel.

MAY ASK A CONTINUANCE.

Jessie Morrison Shows Signs of Physical and Mental Collapse.

Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 7.—Testimony in favor of Jessie Morrison was taken yesterday, the prosecution finishing its side of the case soon after the opening of court, and the defense examining several of its witnesses in their effort to prove their assertion of self-defense.

The prisoner showed signs of physical and mental collapse and it was only with great effort that she was enabled to remain in the court room during the day. Her fainting spell followed by a fit of crying, had left her in a weakened condition and fear was expressed that the prisoner would not hold out till the close of the trial and that a continuance would have to be asked.

The defense succeeded in contradicting some of the prosecution's evidence. The record of the preliminary trial was brought in to quote the testimony of Mrs. Spangler, who first said she had not seen anything in Miss Morrison's hand on the day of the tragedy, and who, during the present trial, testified that she had seen something resembling a knife in the prisoner's hand. It was also shown that Rev. Dr. Wharton, who was pastor to both Mrs. Castle and Miss Morrison, had, in conversation, said that the only thing the defense could do would be to plead insanity for Miss Morrison. Rev. Wharton testified that he had never talked to anyone regarding an insanity plea.

VOTE BY SOUTH DAKOTANS.

Official Figures on the Election Results Last Month.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 7.—The total vote of the state, as shown by the official canvass, is as follows: McKinley, 54,530; Bryan, 39,544; Woolley, 1,542; Parker, 339; Debs, 169. For congress, Burke (Rep.) received 53,583; Martin (Rep.), 53,550; Moore (fusion), 39,830; Lee (fusion), 40,091. On governor the vote is: Herried, 53,907; Lien, 40,091. The repeal of the dispensary amendment carried, yeas 48,073; nays, 33,927. The land loan amendment carried by a large majority.

Antone's Aim Was Very Poor.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 7.—Charles Antone, one of Plattsmouth's old citizens, went home last night and shot himself through the left shoulder. His wife says he intended to shoot her and their child. He was under the influence of liquor. He may recover unless blood poison sets in.

W. C. T. U. Officers Re-Elected.

Washington, Dec. 7.—At the morning session of the Woman's Christian Temperance union President L. W. N. Stevens and the present officers were re-elected.



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