

TALK POLITICS IN HOUSE

Grosvenor and Clark Have Lively Tilt.

SENATE DISCUSSES COAL DUTY.

Allegation That Dingley Placed Tariff High to Permit Reciprocal Relations Leads to Hot Debate—Vest's Motion Goes Over.

Washington, Jan. 14.—For the first time since the opening of this session of congress the house was regaled yesterday with a lively political debate. Grosvenor (O.) and Clark (Mo.) crossed swords during the consideration of the army appropriation bill, and for two hours both sides of the house cheered on their respective spokesmen. The debate was good natured. It grew out of a debate Grosvenor and Clark have been carrying on in the newspapers over the former's statement in the house last December that the Democratic party had been wiped out at the last general election. General Grosvenor undertook with figures to sustain his contention, and Clark, also with figures, to prove that the Democrats had "an even chance to win" the presidency in 1904. There were several clashes and the house and galleries were well entertained. The remainder of the day was occupied by Hull (Ia.), who argued against the abandonment of the army transport service; Shattuck (O.), who assailed Edward Atkinson and the anti-imperialists; Moon (Tenn.), who denounced the refusal of the house leaders to allow the consideration of the Indian territory bill and who announced a policy of obstruction which he intended to pursue unless consideration was given it; Swanson (Va.), who argued the necessity for tariff revision, and Gaines (Tenn.), who urged the advisability of placing coal on the free list.

The senate proceedings were enlivened by several spirited speeches affecting the reciprocity provision of the Dingley act. While the Vest resolution directing the committee on finance to report a bill removing the duty on coal was under discussion, Dolliver (Ia.) vigorously attacked those senators responsible for the holding up of reciprocity treaties in the senate. He defended Secretary Shaw for issuing the order instructing collectors of customs to resolve differences in the grades of coal in favor of the importer. It was true, he declared, that Dingley had put the tariff rates high so that they could be reduced by reciprocity agreements. This statement caused Aldrich to vehemently denounce Dolliver and others for making it. The only intention, he said, of the reciprocity provision of the Dingley law was to secure agreements on non-competitive products and he contended that it was not to be expected that a Republican administration would negotiate treaties which would strike at the heart of protection.

The resolution went over until today after Tillman had given notice that he would then "strike a live wire" and lay the blame for the present coal situation at the door of the president and the attorney general. Nelson concluded his remarks in opposition to the statehood bill, and at 4:10 o'clock the senate went into executive session, adjourning soon afterward.

AGREE ON LEASING BILL.

Provides That Not Exceeding Twenty Sections May Be Leased for Grazing.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A bill to authorize the leasing of grazing lands in Nebraska, which is expected by the administration to settle the trouble over the unlawful fencing of public lands in that state, was agreed on yesterday by Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department and Senator Dietrich, acting for the Nebraska delegation, and was introduced in the senate later by Mr. Dietrich. If the present measure proves wise the law subsequently will be given a wider application. It was tacitly agreed at a recent conference that any measure acceptable to the secretary of the interior and the Nebraska delegation would be favorably considered by the committees of congress and would be likely to pass congress.

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Day Offered Place on Supreme Bench.

Cleveland, Jan. 14.—The Washington correspondent of the Cleveland Leader telegraphs that paper as follows: "The place on the supreme court bench that was tendered to and declined by Governor W. H. Taft of the Philippine islands has been offered to William R. Day of Canton, and it is understood that Mr. Day will accept. Mr. Day is now United States judge for the Sixth district."

Taft to Remain in Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 14.—After mature consideration it has been decided by the president that Judge Taft shall remain in the Philippines as civil governor. The decision was reached only after the president had discussed the Philippine question thoroughly with Secretary Root and the other members of his cabinet and with Vice Governor Luke E. Wright.

Postoffice Robber Gets Thirty Years.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Judge Adams sentenced John Pickler, postoffice annex robber, to ten years' imprisonment for robbing mail pouches, a like sentence for assaulting the carrier and ten years on a third count for stealing unclassified mail.

COAL STRIKE HEARING.

Advance in Cost of Fuel No Benefit to Operators.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Having occupied nearly three days in calling witnesses to testify to the demands made by the anthracite miners, the Delaware and Hudson company closed its case before the coal strike commission yesterday and the commission's attention was then called to the conditions existing in and about the collieries operated by the Erie company. One of the principal witnesses called before the commission was Thomas F. Torrey, coal sales agent of the Delaware and Hudson company at New York, who testified that the company he represents is deriving no benefit from the present abnormal price which the public is paying for its fuel. Among other witnesses called by the Delaware and Hudson were two physicians, who gave testimony to show that the occupation of a mine worker is not so unhealthy as has been stated. A real estate agent testified to the amount of property owned by the miners of the company, and an employee of the Delaware and Hudson, who made an investigation of the wages paid to bituminous miners, showed their pay was under that received by the anthracite miners.

PROOF OF COAL COMBINE.

Chicago Grand Jury Hears Evidence of Conspiracy to Keep Up Prices.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Proof of how the large coal dealers sought to compel the small dealers to sell coal at the price quoted by the alleged combination reached the special grand jury yesterday, when Henry Peterson, one of the small dealers, testified. According to Peterson, he visited the offices of a large coal company some time ago and was given a price list. He had been purchasing his coal from this company and was instructed, he declared, to sell the coal at \$10 a ton. He had a number of customers whom he knew could not afford to pay such prices and he sold them the coal at the cost price without deducting the cost of hauling. As a punishment for doing this, Peterson claimed, the company refused to sell him any more coal and he has not been able to buy any since from any of the other large dealers, because of word sent out that he would not keep up the price.

COAL TO GO ON FREE LIST.

Ways and Means Committee Bill Provides for a Rebate.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The ways and means committee of the house decided to report a bill providing for a rebate, equal to the duty now imposed on all kinds of coal coming from all countries for a period of one year.

This bill is a substitute for the one introduced by Representative Hill of Connecticut, which provided for a rebate until June 30 next. It is expected the bill will be called up in the house at once.

Representative Richardson of Tennessee proposed an amendment striking out the words "for a period of one year," which was voted down. He then proposed an amendment placing all coals on the free list, which was likewise voted down. The final vote on the adoption of the bill was unanimous.

Free Coal for Chicago's Poor.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—A train of twenty-five cars, containing coal for Chicago's poor, arrived here yesterday and will be distributed by city wagons, Mayor Harrison, in view of the prevailing distress, having issued an order to that effect. The train came over the Illinois Central from the coal region of central Illinois, and was given the right of way over all but perishable freight. The coal is distributed free.

Woman Perishes in Blizzard.

Parker City, Ind., Jan. 14.—An unknown woman has perished in the deep snow six miles north of here. She was seen by Mrs. Sylvester Wood fighting her way through the blizzard. She was on foot and going north. Mrs. Wood telephoned to the next neighbor north, but the woman never appeared. She was no doubt overcome and searching parties are shoveling the drifts, hunting for the body.

No Crime to Steal Coal.

Toledo, Jan. 14.—The workhouse board has issued an order setting at liberty all prisoners held for stealing coal from the railway yards and tracks. The order includes directions to the superintendent to receive no more prisoners from any court sending them in for petty coal thefts. It is said that prosecutions for coal thefts will not be recognized by the board during the coal famine.

Mines Forced to Shut Down.

Danville, Ill., Jan. 14.—A scarcity of cars yesterday stopped all the big mines here except one, throwing 1,500 miners out of work. Officials of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad are doing their utmost to relieve the situation, but have not enough cars.

Overdue Liner Not Sighted.

New York, Jan. 14.—The American liner St. Louis has not yet been sighted. The Vaderland, from Antwerp, which arrived last night, reported having seen nothing of the St. Louis.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The bark Santa Pologna has foundered off the coast of Corunna, Spain. Her crew perished.

Great distress exists in the fishing ports of Brittany as a result of the total failure of the sardine fisheries. As the result of a dispute over the division of a cotton crop at Savoy, Tex., a reater named Stewart shot and killed Woods Gibson and his mother and then committed suicide.

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION

President Springer Makes an Attack on Beef Trust.

CALLS FOR LEGISLATIVE AID.

Serves Notice on Congress That Ranchers and Packers Must Be Treated Alike—Urges Immediate Action on Anti-Shoddy Bill.

Kansas City, Jan. 14.—President John W. Springer's attack upon the beef trust, so-called, and the passage of memorials to congress urging that laws for the betterment of the live stock industry be enacted, were the features of yesterday's session of the sixth annual convention of the National Live Stock association. President Springer, after declaring that "the American stockman proposes to take care of himself," served notice that those interests "must receive protection from the congress of the United States just as long as the finished products made from our raw materials are heavily protected." The sentiments were received with applause.

One memorial, which was telegraphed to Senator Frye, was as follows:

"Your petitioners, the National Live Stock association of the United States, representing the feeders and handlers of live stock in the United States, desire through you to call the attention of the senate to house resolution 15-822, a bill which provides the secretary of agriculture with authority to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the United States and to establish rules and regulations for the inspection of live stock to be transported through the United States, and your petitioners would respectfully represent that there is an immediate and imperative necessity for the passage of this law. We would therefore urge the senate to consider this bill at as early a date as possible, and we respectfully request that the said bill be enacted into law."

Another memorial was addressed to Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee of the house and urged that the Grosvenor anti-shoddy bill, now being held up in committee, be reported at once.

Bailey Submits Message.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—The legislature met at noon yesterday for the transaction of business. Governor W. J. Bailey presented his message to the legislature. The present tax law is objectionable and wholly inadequate declares the governor. The railroads pay too small a proportion of the taxes. A bill will be presented to the legislature prepared by a commission which he hopes to see favorably acted upon. Irrigation, agriculture and an economy of officials were other topics touched upon.

Think Smoot Will Win.

Salt Lake, Jan. 14.—Thirty-five members of the legislature, who are supporting Apostle Reed Smoot in his candidacy for United States senatorship, met in this city last night and agreed to sign a call for a caucus to be held this evening. After the meeting it was said that additional signatures would be secured for the call to bring the total up to 44. A majority of the entire legislature is 32. The general belief is that Smoot will be elected on the first ballot.

Meyer Elected Chairman.

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Henry Meyer of San Mateo, Cal., has been elected chairman of the national executive committee of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, which began its first session of the year here yesterday. D. A. Post of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was elected secretary of the board. Strike applications are being considered from several towns in which the eight-hour rule is not in effect. No strikes can be ordered until April 1.

Peabody Takes Oath.

Denver, Jan. 14.—James H. Peabody (Rep.) succeeded James B. Orman (Dem.) as governor of Colorado at noon yesterday. The inauguration was made the occasion of the greatest military parade ever seen in Denver. Nearly 20,000 people were massed on the capitol grounds to witness the ceremony of administering the oath of office to the governor, who was then escorted to the chamber of the house, where he delivered his inaugural message.

Lumbermen in Session.

Minneapolis, Jan. 14.—The Northwestern Lumbermen's association began its eighteen annual session here yesterday with 200 delegates present. President C. H. Ross of Sioux Falls, S. D., in his address, said the association was the largest of its kind in the United States. Secretary Hollis reported 2,015 yards on the membership list.

Mason Withdraws From Race.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 14.—United States Senator Mason formally announced his withdrawal from the contest to be his own successor, admitting the impossibility of his re-election. Congressman A. J. Hopkins of Aurora will probably be chosen without opposition.

Wyoming Legislature Meets.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 14.—The Wyoming legislature organized yesterday with Charles A. Guernsey as president of the senate, and Jerome S. Atherley as speaker of the house. The legislature adjourned until Thursday at 10 a. m.

GRAND JURY INDICTS LESSER.

Former Special Agent of Land Office Charged With Fraud.

Omaha, Jan. 14.—Among the indictments returned by the federal grand jury yesterday was one against W. R. Lesser, former special agent of the interior department, living at Tama, Ia. Lesser is charged with defrauding the government in the matter of expense accounts. Colonel Mosby, who was chiefly responsible for Lesser's losing his government position, charged that Lesser, while his duties should have kept him in Nebraska examining into the suspicious land entries, was remaining quietly at home and making regular reports from there.

KILLED BY DRUNKEN DANCERS.

Slay Marshal and Deputy Who Endeavor to Keep Them Quiet.

Calro, Ill., Jan. 14.—At a dance at Moorehouse, Mo., last night, James and Dolpheus Hill of Johnson county, Illinois, became intoxicated and created a disturbance, and Marshal Dan Lance and Deputy Marshal John Taylor were called in to restore peace. Dolpheus Hill shot and instantly killed Marshal Lance, while James Hill fatally cut Taylor. The Hill boys started to leave the house, when Taylor shot and wounded one of them, but they made their escape. Searching parties have been organized, but the murderers are still at liberty.

Nine-Year-Old Boy Kills Mother.

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Frank Tucker was killed last night by her nine-year-old son while the boy was in a fit of rage. The son then committed suicide. The mother had tried to reason with the boy, who was playing with a gun, and who paid no attention to her. She then started to take the weapon away from him. As she approached the boy, he drew the gun to his shoulder and killed his mother instantly. He then deliberately shot himself.

Pitcher Mercer Turns on the Gas.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Winnie D. Mercer, the pitcher of the All-American baseball team, was found asphyxiated in his room at the Occidental hotel. From the gas jet in the center of the room was suspended a rubber tube and the end of this Mercer had placed in his mouth after turning the gas full on. Mercer was a sufferer from pulmonary troubles, and as the disease refused to yield to treatment, he became despondent.

Brother Shoots With True Aim.

Lyons, Neb., Jan. 14.—Andy Myer, a well known farmer living five miles north of this place, shot his brother Erick Myer three times yesterday afternoon, from the effects of which he will probably die. The shooting occurred at Andy's home and was provoked by threats of the wounded brother, who went to Andy's house while under the influence of liquor. No arrest has been made.

Train Robbers to Stand Trial.

Memphis, Jan. 14.—Sheriff Doty of Carroll county, Illinois, will arrive in the city today from Nashville with extradition papers, secured from Governor McMillin, for Thomas Clark and William Rogers, the two companions of John Estelle, whom he will take to Illinois to stand trial on the charge of complicity in the robbing of a Burlington train on Aug. 5 last.

Morrison May Recover.

Waterloo, Ill., Jan. 14.—Colonel William R. Morrison, formerly member of the interstate commerce commission, who has been lying very ill, has somewhat improved and hopes for his recovery are entertained. It is probable that an operation will be found necessary. Colonel Morrison has not yet consented to undergo the surgeon's knife.

Plague Case at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—A suspicious case of sickness caused the detention of the Pacific Mail steamer Newport in quarantine on her arrival from Panama and the southern coast last night. The patient is a member of the crew and is afflicted with the same disease that is reported prevalent at Mazatlan and other Mexican ports.

Gives \$5,000 to Conscience Fund.

New York, Jan. 14.—A man, who refused to disclose his identity, called on the city chamberlain yesterday and handed him five \$1,000 bills. The stranger said he had been troubled mentally for some time over a financial indebtedness to the city. The money was credited to the "conscience fund."

Hangs Himself in Jail.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 14.—Charles Towler, a man aged fifty, who has been engaged in selling nursery stock for central Illinois firms for several years and who was arrested last Friday at his home in Cincinnati on a charge of forging orders for the commissions, hanged himself in the county jail.

Ravages of the Plague.

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 14.—There have been several deaths from the plague and ten new cases developed yesterday. A fund of \$20,000 has been given to aid in relieving the wants of the distressed poor of the city. A curious feature is that no Chinese have been attacked.

Youtsey Resumes His Testimony.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 14.—Henry Youtsey, who is serving a life sentence for complicity in the Goebel assassination, resumed his testimony before the grand jury yesterday. His story of the tragedy is not yet completed and he will be taken before the jury again today.

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RECK ON BURLINGTON.

Passenger Train Ditched by Spreading Rails Near Alton.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—The St. Paul passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, due in St. Louis at 5:55 p. m., and running fifty miles an hour to make up lost time, was wrecked last evening by spreading rails five miles northeast of Alton, Ill., killing Engineer Frank Horn and injuring four trainmen. The engine was overturned, the baggage, mail, express and one coach, four in all, were thrown on their side and the Pullman sleepers and remaining coach left the rails, but remained upright. No passengers were injured beyond minor bruises.

The injured: Mail Clerk G. L. Mitchell, Rock Island, leg crushed; Mail Clerk E. W. Ebery, Winchester, Ill., leg crushed; Baggageman Charles Pollard, Rock Island, head cut; Conductor A. H. Pollard, Rock Island, bruised.

The train was thundering along down grade when suddenly the engine left the track and the whole train followed, running 250 yards off the rails. Then the engine toppled over and down the small embankment, burying the engineer under the debris. Four cars rolled over on their sides, but the passenger coach contained only a few passengers, and these escaped serious injury. Conductor Pollard, who was in this coach, was badly bruised, but despite his injuries he ran two miles to Woods station and telegraphed for a relief train. This was speedily sent from Alton, and the passengers were brought on to St. Louis.

TRAINMEN FEEL CONFIDENT.

Express Opinion That They Will Get Increase in Wages of 20 Per Cent.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—A conference with reference to the demand of trainmen for higher pay is being held in the general offices of the Frisco railroad between the officials of the western, southwestern and southern trunk lines, with headquarters here, and the representatives and committees of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

The railroad men are still confident that they will receive the increase of 20 per cent asked for Dec. 20 last, although nothing definite has been given out as to the result of the conference.

Valuable Paintings Burned.

New York, Jan. 14.—There was a fire at the residence of George J. Gould, 857 Fifth avenue, in which several valuable paintings were destroyed. The loss was estimated at first at \$10,000, but after an inspection had been made the firemen said the loss was about \$125,000. Among the paintings burned was "The Cavalier," by Stuart.

Idaho Elects a Senator.

Boise, Ida., Jan. 14.—Judge Weldon B. Heyburn of Wallace was elected United States senator by the Idaho legislature yesterday.

Kansas Town Again Scorched.

St. Joseph, Jan. 13.—The entire business portion of Hamlin, Kan., thirty miles west of here on the St. Joseph and Grand Island railway, has been destroyed by fire. A month ago one-half was burned by the work of an incendiary and last night the balance of the business part was consumed. The postoffice, Fugor Bros. drug store and L. D. Burdick's hotel are among the heaviest losses. The total loss is \$50,000.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

William H. Lewis, a colored man, has been appointed an assistant United States attorney for Boston.

Charles Derr was found frozen dead Monday in a hotel at Owosso, Mich., where he had been living alone.

Mrs. Oscar Chase shot and instantly killed Asa Manhart, a former boarder, at her home in Portland, Mich., Monday.

The election last October to the presidency of Honduras of Manuel Bonilla has been approved by the Honduran congress.

Ambassador Clayton is confined to his home in Mexico City with an attack of bronchitis. It is not expected that he will be out for several days.

Gilbert Decker, son of Rev. D. S. Decker, pastor of the Quaker town (N. J.) Methodist Episcopal church, was frozen to death a short distance from his home.

Robert J. Aiken, millionaire and philanthropist, who would have celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth on Aug. 14 next, died of pneumonia at his residence in New York Monday.

The case against Leonard Dingle, former teller of the Aspen (Colo.) State bank, charged with embezzlement of \$45,000, was nolleed Monday. It is understood a settlement was made with the bank.

Ambassador von Helleben, recently recalled by Germany, is accused of transmitting a mistranslated note to President McKinley protesting against armed intervention in Cuba. Lord Pauncefoot's death was hastened by blame unjustly placed on him.

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