

RATIFIED WITH UNANIMITY

Bering Sea Modus Vivendi Convention Considered in the Senate.

BROKE THE RECORD OF SPEEDY ACTION

Adopted After Less Than Two Hours' Discussion—New Articles Provided for Compensation in Case of Adverse Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—In his message transmitting the Bering sea modus vivendi convention to the senate, the president says: "As the value and effectiveness of the agreement depends largely upon being put in force at once, I respectfully request a prompt consideration of the subject by the senate."

The senate acted on this request with the greatest expedition. The treaty was delivered yesterday, referred to the committee on foreign relations, acted on this morning and reported favorably this afternoon. The treaty was discussed less than two hours and then ratified with unanimity. As before explained, the motion took the form of a convention of treaty because it differed from last year's agreement in the inclusion of clauses relating to damages.

The preamble is identical of the last Bering sea arbitration treaty. The convention itself comprises seven articles, the first four of which are precisely similar to the language with the modus vivendi of last year, with the exception of a change in article 1 of the words "until next May." During the period of arbitration, upon the basis of the modus vivendi, which governs the life of the modus vivendi.

Briefly stated, these articles prohibiting the British and Americans from seal killing in Bering sea and the prohibition of seal taking on the islands for the subsistence of the natives during the arbitration, provide for the seizure of offending vessels and permit the residence of British agents on the islands during the season.

Articles III and VI are new, and read: "If used in the future to afford the right of British sealers to take seals in Bering sea within the bounds claimed by the United States under its jurisdiction, the period of arbitration shall be made by the United States to Great Britain for the use of her subjects from abstaining from the exercise of that right during the period of arbitration, upon the basis of such a regulated and limited catch or catches in the ocean as might have been taken without the limitation of the seal herds; and, on the other hand, if the result of the arbitration should be to deny the right of British sealers to take seals within the said waters, the United States shall be made by Great Britain to the United States (for itself, its citizens and lessees) for this agreement to limit the island catch to 7,000 seals upon the basis of the difference between their number and such larger catch as in the opinion of the arbitrators might have been taken without the limitation of the seal herds. The amount of award, if any, in either case shall be such as under the circumstances is just and equitable and shall be promptly paid."

"VI. This convention may be denounced by either of the high contracting parties at any time after December 31, 1893, on giving to the parties written notice of its termination and at the expiration of this notice the convention shall cease to be in force."

SILVER MEN SCORE IN THE SENATE

Kyle Carries His Point Against Gold Payment—The House Approves the Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The recent liberties taken by members of the house in connection with the Congressional Record were called to the attention of the senate in the shape of a resolution offered by Mr. Sanders, which at the suggestion of Mr. Platt went over without action. The resolution inquired into the justice of the committee in withholding the publication of the Record of copyrighted books without the consent of the proprietor for the infringement of the right of such proprietor subjects any person who sells the Record containing such report, to liability for damages.

The bill to amend the act of June 25, 1890, approving the funding act of Arizona, was taken up and read in the senate. It attracted the attention of Mr. Stewart. It was a provision that the interest bonds provided in the Arizona funding act should be payable in gold coin of the United States. It was the first time Mr. Stewart said, since the passage of the funding act, that such a clause had been inserted in the bill.

Mr. Platt read the bill and followed the language of the Arizona act—"in gold coin or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States."

Mr. Cockrell, having examined the bill, informed Mr. Platt he was mistaken in saying that the bill followed the language of the Arizona act in that respect. He said that he would use the words "or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States."

Mr. Platt having examined the bill admitted his mistake, but argued the senate would use the bill just as it came from the house.

Mr. Stewart argued that the passage of the bill just as it came from the house—with the interest on the bonds payable in gold coin—would be seized upon by the gold press to say that the senate had agreed to use the words "or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States."

Mr. Kyle moved to strike out the words "in gold coin or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States."

The vote was then taken on Mr. Kyle's amendment and the result was 21 yeas, 16 nays, 10 no-quorum voted. The roll, having been called and 57 senators (more than a quorum) having responded, the vote was again taken on Mr. Kyle's amendment and it was agreed to—yeas, 25; nays, 24. Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bates, Berry, Blackburn, Hodges, Butler, Chandler, Chase, Cole, Walter, Daniel, DeLoach, Faulkner, Gurnea, Maryland, Hanabrough, Harris, Hill, Jones of Nevada, Kyle, Mitchell, Peffer, Pugh, Sherman, Stewart, Tamm, Tilden, Tipton, Pettigrew, Platt, Proctor, Sawyer, Stockbridge, Washburn, Wilson—24. Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Chandler, Hoar, McMillan, Hendricks, Brewster, Pettigrew, Platt, Proctor, Sawyer, Stockbridge, Washburn, Wilson—24.

A free discussion of the bill was held, and Mr. George's resolution relative to the low price of cotton and the depressed condition of agriculture was then taken up and agreed to.

The joint resolution to pay to West Virginia the amount due under the direct tax law was taken up and passed without any discussion.

After an executive session, the senate adjourned.

Respectfully with Mexico. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The house committee on foreign affairs reported a resolution for a joint reciprocity commission of Mexico and the United States with a view to extending commercial relations between the two countries. The report suggests that a concession on our part which would probably be of mutual advantage would be the removal of the duty upon lead imported by our present tariff laws. Another concession that might be made by this country is the admission of wool free of duty.

Our Minister to Italy. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Governor

TO ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION

Nebraska Citizens Organize an Association for That Purpose.

HOW IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED

List of Those Interested in the Scheme—Rock Island Surveyors Will Start to Work in Lincoln Today—Capital City News.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The State Bureau of Immigration is the name of an organization formed at the Lincoln hotel this afternoon by about fifty representatives from a number of cities and towns in Nebraska. According to the articles of incorporation the objects of the organization are: First, to induce the agricultural and industrial immigration to Nebraska. Second, to secure manufacturing and business enterprises for the towns and cities of Nebraska. Third, to encourage the investment of capital in developing the resources of Nebraska. Fourth, to advertise to the world the natural advantages and wants of Nebraska. Fifth, to be a general bureau of information and act as mutual agents in the furtherance of these objects.

The authorized capital stock of the bureau is \$25,000, consisting of 1,000 shares of \$25 each. In addition, the regular stockholders of the bureau will take in associate members who shall pay a fee of \$5. These associate members will be entitled to all the general benefits except profits, but will not be liable for any debts that may be incurred. It is provided that the board of directors shall declare an annual dividend, not exceeding 10 per cent. The main proviso says that no indebtedness shall be incurred by the association.

At the meeting this afternoon the following gentlemen were present and participated in the organization: C. C. Shimer, Omaha; W. M. Kelso, Omaha; R. F. Kloke, West Iowa; A. E. H. Wood, Lincoln; J. J. Moore, Omaha; J. W. Harris, Omaha; D. B. Spangro, Red Cloud; R. H. Oakley, H. J. Spangro, and C. J. Ernst, Lincoln; Allen Moran and E. Van Allen, Lincoln. A temporary organization was effected by the election of R. F. Kloke and C. C. Shimer, chairman and secretary respectively. The articles of incorporation were read and approved, and a board of directors selected as follows: Messrs. Shimer, Wolf, Kelso, Kloke, Ehrhardt, Bradford, and Spangro. Their preliminary duties were deferred until the first annual meeting of the stockholders, which will occur at Omaha on the first Tuesday of July.

City of Lincoln Sued for Damages. Platt Bayless has sued the city of Lincoln for damages in the amount of \$10,000. His suit is based upon the alleged fact that on the 23rd of March, 1891, while driving a heavily loaded wagon along Seventh and Third streets, he was struck by a street car and was left in an unprotected condition. He was thrown to the ground and the heavy load of his wagon was thrown upon him, causing his death. The suit is based upon the fact that the street car was not properly controlled and that the city was negligent in its duty.

Rock Island Movements. A party of Rock Island surveyors will tomorrow morning commence the work of running the proposed diagonal line from the Rock Island to the Missouri river. The proposed route from Lincoln to the south and west shows that the line will run to Jensen Grove, near the mouth of the Missouri river. The surveyors will be accompanied by a party of men from the Rock Island and a party of men from the Missouri river.

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At a regular meeting of Assembly No. 1,808, Knights of Labor, last night the following preamble and resolution were adopted: Whereas a conflict of authority now exists between the mayor of the city of Lincoln and the city council, and it is the duty of the city council to accept the offer of the right of way agents.

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DAWES COUNTY DELEGATES.

President Harrison's Administration Endorsed—Other Republican Conventions.

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