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SENATE IS IN MUDDLE

Quay's Insistence on Statehood Bill Makes Program Doubtful.

AMENDMENT MAY BE RULED OUT OF ORDER

Move to Tack Disputed Measure on to Money Votes May Cause Trouble.

SENATORS READY TO APPEAL FROM CHAIR

Question May, However, Be Put Without Allowing President to Decide.

CULLOM PUSHES CUBAN TREATY FORWARD

Illinois Member Anxious to Obtain Reciprocity Ratification, but Must Wait Decision as to Territorial's Ultimate Fate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The omnibus statehood bill will continue to hold its place for the present as the unfinished business on the senate calendar, but it seems quite probable that the debate will be transferred to the appropriation bills.

Senator Quay has entirely changed his tactics during the last week and after "voting in vain to secure a quorum for night sessions on two different occasions," has abandoned all efforts in that direction, leaving the senators who oppose the statehood bill to take the responsibility for delay. He now apparently is the least concerned of all to secure late sessions.

He makes no confidants, but it is evident that it is his purpose to make his fight in connection with the appropriation bills and to secure promises to vote for a statehood rider to one of them.

Thus far there has not been delay on any supply measure on account of the statehood debates, but there will be a decided effort to attach the statehood amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill. It is expected that the amendment will be ruled out on a point of order, in which event there will be an appeal from the decision of the chair. It is quite possible, however, that the question may be submitted to the senate without a ruling by the chair. This plan has been pursued in other cases and has been found to work satisfactorily.

Senator Cullom will attempt to secure consideration of the Cuban treaty, but until the statehood bill is disposed of all speculation as to what may be done with other questions is idle.

TRUST BILL IS JEOPARDIZED

May Go Over in House Till Next Week Owing to Currency Claims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The anti-trust bill which was scheduled for early consideration in the house this week, will not come up until late in the week. It is possible that the bill will be postponed until next week. The friends of the currency bill are exceedingly anxious to get consideration for it, and it may most likely come in after the postoffice appropriation bill is disposed of, in which case the anti-trust bill would be shut out this week.

The democrats and republicans have been conferring about the limit of the anti-trust bill debate, and a tentative agreement has been reached to allow two days' general debate.

Tomorrow is suspension day, and a number of minor matters which ordinarily would be passed by unanimous consent, but consideration of which is blocked by the refusal of Mr. Moon (Tenn.), to allow any bill to receive unanimous consent until the Indian territory bill is considered will be acted upon.

Tuesday has been set aside for consideration of the thirteen claims bills to which Mr. Payne (N. Y.) objected yesterday.

ALLEGED FORGER IS MISSING

Deposits Government Checks and Then Draws Amount by Imitating Signature.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 1.—Edwin J. McAllister, manager of the sign and decorative department of the Electric Motor and Equipment company, left here January 4, ostensibly on a business trip and nothing since has been heard of him. His former home is broken up and his wife and two little children have gone to her former home at Battle Creek, Mich.

McAllister is charged with forgery by the United States mortgage and trust company of New York, which he deposited a government check for \$2,700, payable to the electric company, which had been received for work done in fitting up the cruizers Baltimore and Boston with electric devices. Large amounts of money have been paid out on the basis of the check, and the company has been forced to close its doors.

The government canceled the checks.

MOVE MOUNTAINS OF FREIGHT

Twenty Thousand Cars Leave Pittsburgh Yards in Two Days.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 1.—Fully 20,000 freight cars were moved on the Pittsburgh division of the several railroads during Saturday and Sunday, the majority of them being started today.

The weather is very favorable, and each line put forth special efforts to relieve the congested condition of the yards. Every engine that could be pressed into service was in use, and all the trains made at least one day, while large numbers were credited with two days before stopping work. The yards are not entirely cleared, but are in much better shape than for a long time past.

The movement by each road follows: Pennsylvania in union station yards, 4,000 cars; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 5,000; Pennsylvania, 3,000; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 6,000; and Baltimore & Ohio, 5,000.

BANDITS LOOT KANSAS BANK

Blow Open Safe, Secure Fifteen Hundred Dollars and Escape on Haulcar.

DEKATER, Kan., Feb. 1.—Three crackmen wrecked the safe of the State Bank at Dekater early today, and secured \$1,500, securing on a haulcar without having troubled the citizens.

Officers from Arkansas City followed the trail for several miles, but without success.

BLAME 'FRISCO FOR PLAGUE

Mexicans Claim Dread Disease Was Imported to Mazatlan from Californian Port.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—The government investigation into the introduction of bubonic plague has led to the belief that the steamer Curacao, from San Francisco, carried the infection to Mazatlan.

It is probable that the foreign relations commission may make representations to the United States in view of the great loss inflicted by the leading west coast port.

MATZATAN, Mex., Feb. 1.—There were two deaths from the plague today. There were 165 deaths in January from the plague.

A member of the sanitary police took a guitar from the house of a plague patient and is now gravely ill of the same disease.

According to the best information obtainable at least 3,000 persons have left Mazatlan since the appearance of the plague. This number represents about one-third of the population of the city.

STRIKES BLOW AT GERMAN

New Russian Tariff Hits Patherland Hard by Taxing Its Products High.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—The Novoye Vremya publishes an article in which it analyzes the new Russian customs tariff.

The increase in rates over the existing tariff is 50 per cent for the great majority of imports and over 100 per cent for many important groups, among the latter being delicatessen and various manufactures of wood, leather and metals. The tariff is characterized by a more detailed differentiation, leaving lower priced articles are taxed less than higher priced ones, metallurgical products being particularly differentiated against.

Differential treatment against imports overlaid compared to those brought by sea averages 20 per cent on coal, pig iron, steel plates and machines.

The paper points out that all Germany's leading exports to Russia will be taxed under the new tariff 50 to 150 per cent over the treaty rates.

FREE TRADE TO CURB TRUST

Mexico Seeks Means to Stifle Evil Following Sugar Commerce.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—It is rumored here that the Mexican government has in contemplation the admission of Cuban sugar duty free to forestall the combine that purchased the product of three of the leading sugar states in southern Mexico.

Since the deal was put through sugar has steadily advanced in price, causing loud complaints by consumers. It is believed that if the price goes higher the government will use its power in behalf of the consumers, and put sugar on the free list, as it did wheat when it was found necessary to relieve the shortage of breadstuffs.

SAYS MILNER WILL RESIGN

London Paper Publishes Discredited Story that African High Commissioner Seeks Relief.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Morning Advertiser today says that Lord Milner has asked to be relieved of his position as governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies and high commissioner of South Africa, but at the desire of the government he has consented to remain in South Africa until the end of July, when he will be offered a high position with the government of India.

Numerous rumors had been current in South Africa that Lord Milner would resign, but hitherto these reports have always been denied, and consequently little credence is placed on this latest rumor, which appears in a paper little likely to be the first to obtain such information.

SON OF HEAVEN IN JEOPARDY

Chinese Reformers Import Arms and Ammunition with Which to Overthrow Emperor.

HONOLULU, Feb. 1.—The Pacific Mail steamship China, from Hong Kong and Yokohama, brings the news of large imports of arms and ammunition being made by the Chinese, in violation of the agreement of the powers.

Vessels disguised as trading boats are going into the interior laden with war material. It is thought that these unusual imports are being made by the reform element, which is plotting to overthrow the Manchurian dynasty.

There are many members of the reform party in Hawaii who have contributed liberally for the support of the agitators in China.

FEAR FAMINE IF WAR COMES

British Subjects Form Committee to Force Government to Protect Country.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The government having frequently turned a deaf ear to parliamentary pleas for the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the security of Great Britain's food supply in time of war, a group of British subjects has been formed to keep the matter before the public.

Among those interested are the duke of Sutherland, Lord Sutherland, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Conan Doyle, a number of members of the House of Commons, forty admirals and other prominent men.

CRUEL SEAS ENGULF SAILORS

Norwegian Steamer Goes Ashore on Danish Coast and Three Bodies Are Recovered.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Norwegian steamer Arona was wrecked at Lemvig, Denmark. Three bodies and six corpses have been washed ashore. It is feared that the remainder of the crew were also drowned.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 1.—Lucania, which arrived today, reports having encountered high seas and terrible weather in the Atlantic.

Steamer Tickets Interchangeable.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The Hamburg-Bremerische announces that the North Atlantic association, including the Morgan lines, has effected an agreement with regard to making tickets valid mutually on all lines.

WAR IS NOT OUT OF QUESTION

United States May Be Involved in a Bloody Struggle.

MONROE DOCTRINE MAY NEED DEFENCE

Government at Washington Keenly Alive to Conditions and Ready to Act Promptly in Any Emergency.

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Golden Reward at Deadwood Idle and Mines Are Also Closed.

TROUBLE OVER DISCHARGE OF ONE MAN

General Manager Said to Contemplate Shipping Ore to Omaha and Permanently Closing the Plant.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The employees of the Golden Reward smelter, the largest of its kind in the United States, struck last night, and as a consequence almost 1,000 men are today out of employment and double that number have been affected by the strike.

The trouble arose over the taking off of one man from the charge floor of the smelter and not on account of wages, the highest wages in the United States having been paid the men for that kind of work. The Deadwood Labor union is discussing the situation this evening, but should General Manager Franklin, who is at the present time in the city, persist in his determination, the smelter will not be blown in again, he having telegraphed today, after receiving word of the strike and the cause of it, to close the smelter down, pay off the men and call the miners from the mines of the company in the Deadwood and the Ruby Bend districts, leaving only enough to keep the timbering up and the workings free from water.

It is said that he will make arrangements while in the east with the railroad companies and after things have been settled to ship ore to the Omaha smelter. The Golden Reward treats 500 tons of ore daily when its smelter is running, besides 200 tons which is treated in the cyanide plant of the company in this city. Next to the Homestake company, the Golden Reward is the largest employer of labor in the Black Hills and even should the mines be again started up it will be with a great reduction in the force of miners, while the 300 men who have been working in the smelter in this city will be out of employment.

The men are doing little talking, many of them believing that the strike was ill-advised, and that the men should have awaited the arrival of Mr. Franklin from the east before going to extremes in the matter, and at least given him notice of their intentions and an opportunity to pass on their grievances.

OFFERS TO BOW TO WHITES

Booker T. Washington Will Cancel Engagement if People So Desire.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Feb. 1.—Mayor Thomas received a telegram today from Booker T. Washington saying if the announcement that he would deliver an address during the joint convention of superintendents of public instruction and the general education board had created dissatisfaction among the white people he would cancel his engagement.

He asked the mayor to inform him as to the sentiment of the white people as to the matter, and he said he had not sufficiently familiarized himself as to the sentiment to express an opinion.

CARS DIVE INTO RIVER

Family of Six Immigrants Said to Be Victims of Vicksburg Mishap.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 1.—Two cars from a westbound freight train broke away on the incline of the Queen and Crescent railway here tonight and, rushing down the grade, plunged into the river.

The cars were a combination freight and immigration car and it is stated that it contained a family of six persons bound from eastern Alabama to Arkansas, all of whom were drowned.

Divers are searching